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## Lyon Court grants new Arms for MacTavish chief

The Arms of MacTavish of Dunardry. 30 December 2002, at HM New Register House, Edinburgh, Scotland, The Honourable Robin Blair, Esq., LVO, WS, 34th Lord Lyon King of Arms, has agreed to a New Armorial in favour of the Chief of Clan MacTavish, the Much Honoured Edward Stewart Dugald MacTavish of Dunardry. It was just over five years ago that MacTavish was ratified as Chief after his clan had suffered a dormancy of over two hundred years. MacTavish arms were granted to Lachlan MacTavish of Dunardry in 1793 by Lord Lyon John Hooke-Campbell of

Bangeston, Co. Pembroke (1754 to 1796), who granted MacTavish a Campbell gyronny in the first, and predominant quarter of the arms on 17 April 1793.

The MacIntyre arms differed from those believed to be correct, and in 1991 James Wallace MacIntyre, 9th (recorded) of Glenoe saw the chiefly arms corrected. Earlier, James Burns, grandson of Poet Robert Burns' cousin was granted arms in 1837 showing the 'black and gold' Campbell gyronny, which spawned a curious legend that the Burns family where of Campbell

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## Don't miss it! The Parade of Honored Clan Tartans!

February 14, 15, 16  
Braveheart  
Scottish Weekend 2003!



Most of us who are involved in things Scottish have marched in a Parade of Tartans. However, in Moultrie, this February 15<sup>th</sup>, you will participate in or cheer on something just a little bit different - our Parade of

### Honored Clan Tartans!

We'll invite representatives from our "home" clans to march to the stirring pipes of The Centerville Volunteer Fire Department Pipes & Drums through the display of Maule aircraft and around the hangar and around our Saturday night Gala Ceilidh & Banquet to the cheers of their clansmen and clanswomen to honor them all for the trust they have placed in

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American Clan Lockhart Society at Stone Mountain Highland Games last October!

## American Clan Lockhart forming now. You're welcome!

Some members of Clan Lockhart Inc. have made the decision to form a new clan. They have been in contact with Chief Angus H.M. Lockhart in Lanark, Scotland and have his full support.

A letter he wrote via Jeffrey A. Lockhart of Crestwood, Kentucky is quoted, "In the process of forming the American Clan Lockhart Society. This is to confirm that, as Chief, I recognize this proposed Society as the only Clan Lockhart Society in North America. I wish you all every success in the future of the Society and hope we can foster and further the Clan Society sentiment between each organization. Your sincerely," (Signed) Angus Lockhart of the Lee and dated 11<sup>th</sup> November 2002.

Conversations with the Chief and his wife Lady Susan, tell us they are very excited about having an American Clan

Lockhart Society that is willing to work with the Clan Lockhart Society in Scotland.

All papers has been completed and the American Clan Lockhart Society is underway. They have established a scholarship fund and a benevolent fund. A user friendly web site has been set up which will contain the officers, history, bylaws, and a genealogy help page with a database for both American Clan Lockhart Society and Clan Lockhart Society in Scotland.

A genealogist to contact for help has been put in place and a Clan store will be up and ready with new items added periodically. Other plans are also being considered. With good bylaws, management, policies and goals they intend to attract the large number of the Lockhart Family to join them in the American Clan Lockhart.

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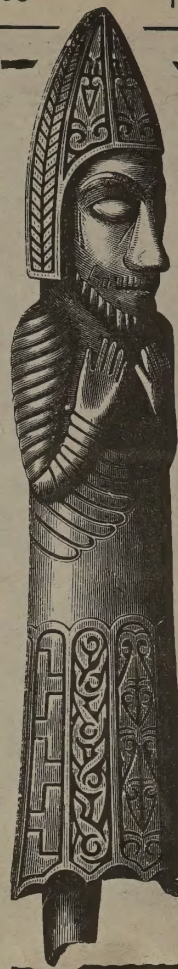
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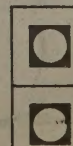
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## Amerson new National Commissioner to Clan Chattan

The Clan Chattan USA Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the election of Andrew Amerson as its new National Commissioner. Mr. Amerson is an attorney who lives in Big Bear Lake, California.

He is retired from the United States Army as a Colonel, retiring in 1996. In a civilian capacity, he served as a Deputy Attorney General in the Criminal Division of the California Attorney General's Office until his retirement in 2000.

The Clan Chattan USA Board of Trustees wishes to express its appreciation to Neil Davis for his years of dedicated service.

The principal clans, together with their septs, of Clan Chattan (The Cat Confederation) include Mackintosh, Macpherson, MacBean, Shaw, MacThomas, Macleans of Dochgarroch, MacGillivray, Farquharson, Davidson, MacPhail, MacQueens of Strathdearn and MacIntyres in Badenoch.

If you would like more information about Clan Chattan, USA, please write Andrew Amerson, PO Box 554, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315-0554. Call 909-866-0630.



### Clan Graham will be the Honored Guests at the Tacoma Highland Games

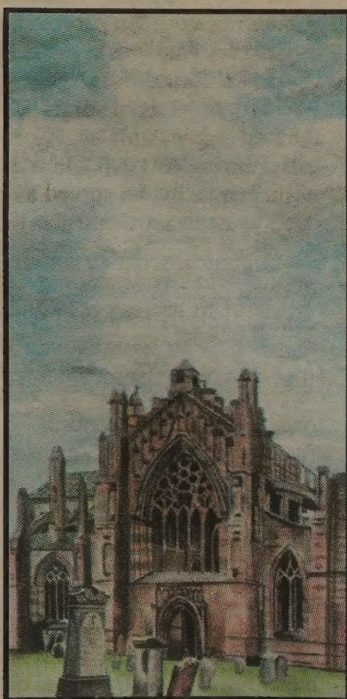
The Clan Graham will be the Honored Guests at the Tacoma Highland Games in Graham, Washington in June 28, 2003. The Clan Graham 2003 Headquarters will be the Best Western Park Plaza in Payallup.

For more information contact Sharon Seegers at 360-352-4649, write at 2004 Swanee Place, Olympia, WA 98501-3130, email at Kthlnf@aol.com or see the website at <www.clan-graham-society.org>.

### Dr. Carden Johnston named to American Academy of Pediatrics

In October Dr. Carden Johnston was named to the American Academy of Pediatrics as president-elect and will sometime next year become president. He is an emergency room pediatrician in Birmingham, Alabama at the Children's hospital.

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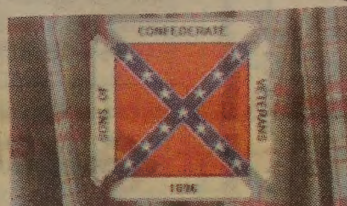
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Index search AND List search BOTH needed unless you already know name of ship and EXACT arrival date, port, AND page #. (If not found in index, List search fee will be refunded.) If port is unknown, I suggest a 3 port search beginning with the (larger) ports at the top of the list. Indexes are generally every name (not just head of household).

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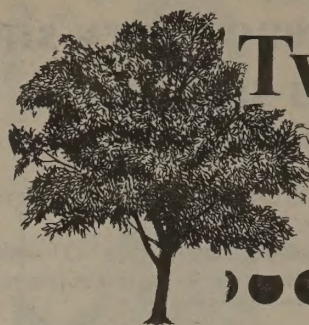
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**International  
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has been updated**The new version of the International Genealogical Index (IGI) is now available on Family Search on the internet (<[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>). It offers additional features and data.

More names have been added since the last release in January 2000. The index will be updated as new information is received. (There are no current plans to update the IGI on compact disc.) All events that were original user submissions are now displayed and can be used as search criteria.

Some individuals are linked into families and can be displayed on family groups and pedigree charts. The number of linked individuals is relatively small but is expected to grow in the future. You can also download family group records and pedigree charts.

You can now search the index by given name, surname and state, and more types of events, including deaths, even across regions. The processes used to find individuals, in spite of spelling variations and other differences in the name, have also been improved.

When you display an individual's records, you will see messages that describe the

source of the information.

For hints on using the IGI, go to <[www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/igi/searchigi\\_hints.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/igi/searchigi_hints.asp)>.**The Library of Virginia now  
closed on Monday**

The reading rooms of the Library of Virginia are now closed to the public on Mondays.

The public will no longer be able to use the Library's collections for research on Mondays but will be able to view the Library's exhibitions on the first floor, purchase food in the cafe and purchase items in the Library Shop.

The reading room of the LVA is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 AM until 5 PM. There is a limited staff on Saturdays, except for holiday weekends as posted on their website: <[www.lva.lib.va.us](http://www.lva.lib.va.us)>.Thanks to *The Clarke-Ocone Genealogical Society Quarterly*, PO Box 6403, Athens, GA 30604.**The Florida Pioneer  
Index now on-line  
at the FSBS**

The Florida Pioneer Index lists all recipients of a Florida Pioneer Certificate from 1979-2001. Each Florida pioneer who has been verified is listed by name along with the name of the descendant who got the

certificate, the year awarded, the certificate number, and the FHL (Family History Library in Salt Lake) film number.

Check it out at <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flsgs/pioneer/2001index.html>>.**How to find information  
on orphanages  
that no longer exist.**

You may discover that some of your ancestors were sent to orphanages. Some may have been true orphans, while others may have had parents who were too ill to care for them. If you've run across an orphanage that no longer exists, consider doing the following:

Check local libraries and genealogy societies to see if records were donated.

Check with the state social services to see if they have records of orphanage and if they can suggest where to write.

Check with local county clerks and recorders to find out who the property (and sometimes the records) were transferred to and if there was a court proceeding to transfer the remaining residents to another location.

Orphanages had to comply with census laws, so check census records for list of residents. The information you'll find is sometimes invaluable.

**California State Libraries are now online**The California State Libraries website address is <<http://www.lib.state.ca.us>>. It includes the card catalog for each California State Library, including the Sutro Library in San Francisco. This site also has catalogs for the California State University at Sacramento, Sacramento Public Library, Los Angeles Public Library and the Library of Congress, using two access methods (DRA and Voyager.)

The home page give you many choices: Main Catalog, Picture Catalog, Braille and Talking Books Catalog, Special Resources, New Titles, New State Documents, Electronic Resources, the Library's Collections, other libraries and internet links.

Also there are sections on How to Borrow, How to Recommend a Purchase, Hours, Addresses and Help. If you find something you'd like to access, you can borrow materials through Inter-Library Loan at your local library. While California State Libraries focus on California, they have a lot of resources from other states as well.

Thanks to *Gold Diggers*, Tuolumne County Genealogical Society, and the website listed above.



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## Whittier Area Genealogical Society to hold February conference

On Saturday, February 22, 2003 the Whittier Area Genealogical Society will hold it's 21<sup>st</sup> annual Conference at the Masonic Lodge at 7604 Greenleaf Avenue in Whittier, California.

The featured speaker will be Katherine Scott Sturdevant. The topics for the conference will be Trailing Families: Western Migration Patterns in Family History; The Immigrant Experience; Don't Throw it Away! Utilizing Artifacts in Family History Research and Writings; and Let Family Papers Speak for Themselves; Documentary Editing for Family Historians.

Contact Jean Bogart at <BJCBogie@aol.com> for more information.

## Quad Cities Genealogical Conference set for April

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Quad Cities Genealogical Conference will be held April 26, 2003 in the Viking Club at 1450-14 St., in Moline, Illinois.

Mark Lowe will be the featured speaker with topics covering the following: Out on a Limb; Trapped by Bad Research; Over the Mountains, Across the Plains; Finding Your Landless

Ancestors, and Here Comes the Bride and There She Goes.

For additional information contact: Eileen Nelson at 309-796-2134 or Pam Lawson at 309-799-3372.

## National Genealogical Society Conference planned for Pittsburg

The National Genealogical Society Conference in the States will be held May 28-31, 2003 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. The topic is "Moving a Nation Westward," and there will be many excellent speakers on dozens of other topics.

For additional information see their web site at <<http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/>>.

## The Texas Research Ramblers plan seminar for March

On March 29, 2003 The Texas Research Ramblers will be having their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual seminar at Sam Rayburn

Middle School in Bryan, Texas. John Sellers, who will be the featured speaker, has for 14 years been involved in genealogy research.

For more information contact Mary Collie Cooper, Texas Research Ramblers, 740 Garden Acres Blvd., Bryan, TX 77802-4005 or call at 979-846-8278 or Sue Foy, Registrar, 804 Vine St., Bryan, TX 77802-4349 or call at 979-846-7392.

## Hemphill Historical Society sets reunion for next June

The Hemphill Historical Society will hold their 2003 reunion June 6, 7 in Atlanta, Georgia. They will utilize the facilities of the Embassy Suites Perimeter and will schedule trips to the Georgia State Archives and the Federal Archives plus others.

For complete information contact Ray L. Hemphill at 916 Spring Valley, Woodstock, GA 30086-1809  
<RLH37@bellsouth.net>

## The Maine Historical Society now has Internet presence

The Maine Historical Society's web site describes the traditional resources available from the society's research library. This collection

includes 125,000 books, newspapers, and other printed items, as well as 2 million manuscripts, 3,500 maps and atlases, 70,000 photographs, and 100,000 architectural and engineering drawings.

The web site also has links to the recently launched Maine Memory Network, a statewide database of historical source documents contributed by Maine's historical organizations.

The site also contains an active Genealogy Discussion Forum which is divided into separate sections, one for Maine Surname Queries and others for Maine Locality Queries. Go to <<http://www.mainehistory.org>>.

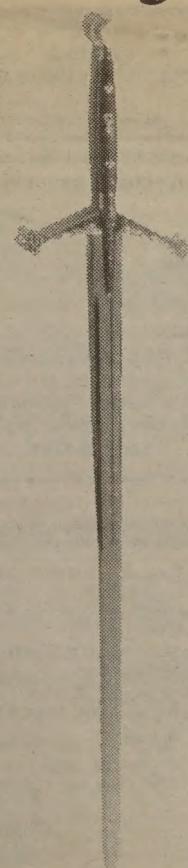
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# The Long Journey Home

Clan MacFarlane sets out to Reclaim their past

For 559 years the Clan MacFarlane held legal sway over the Parish of Arrochar, Scotland, from the tip of the sea loch Loch Long, down to Glen Douglas and north to the upper reaches of Loch Lomond. Its an area of great natural beauty but very meagre resources. The Macfarlanes, therefore had to cling tenaciously to their very existence by supplementing these meagre rations with ill-gotten gains from their richer neighbours to the south. That

they became the best in the business at the Highland art of Cattle rustling is underlined with the well documented local nickname for the Moon, "MacFarlanes Lantern".

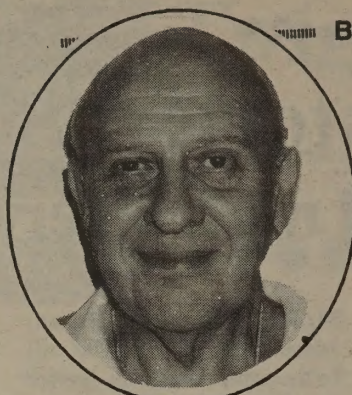
With our present day outlook this type of behaviour in the modern world would be totally unacceptable. However in the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries in Scotland the ritual of cattle stealing from each other was commonplace. The MacFarlanes were unfortunate that their skill emphasised their notoriety and led to the inevitable attention of the authorities. Despite this their pride in their skill is shown in the name of their Clan Pipe Pibroch "Thogail nam bo theid sinn" (to Lifting the cattle we shall go) written by their 12th chief, Andrew the Wizard.

The Macfarlanes too engaged in more edifying activities down through these 5 centuries. Always in defence of the Scottish Crown as is evidenced by their Coat of Arms with imperial crown and Motto of This I'll Defend. They had strong participation at Bannockburn in 1314, Flodden, in 1513, Pinkie in 1547, Most notably at Langside in 1568 and Bothwell Bridge in 1679, when their ferocious Highland charges won the day. They also supported the great Marquis of Montrose in the campaigns in the 1640's Their defence of the crown in fact led to the destruction of their island castles in Loch Lomond

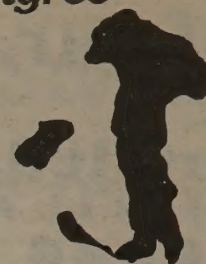
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By Cav. Anthony J. Lascio



# Italian death records



There are those among the astute Italian genealogists who proclaim that death records are the most meaningful vital statistics. They claim those records offer little, if anything significant, toward extending one's pedigree. While the preceding may hold some truth, those death documents are still an appealing record source sought by the average researcher. So, rather than debate the pros and cons of this Italian record let's explore what they are and the data they provide, then you be the judge whether they are worthy of your pursuit.

Before we proceed, keep one very important fact in mind. Civil death documents will vary from province to province and region to region in Italy. For this reason, the specific data the record offers will be different from let's say, Padua and Bari. What I describe will be in general terms in order to encompass as many different types or formats of death records as possible.

The atto di morte or act of death indicates the date, time and place the witness or witnesses to the death appeared before the town official with the information and verification of an individuals death. Also

stated is the occupation and residency of the witness or witnesses. Then the deceased ancestor's name, age, occupation, residence, marital status, parents; and the time, date and place of death. This genealogical data is worthwhile information but remember it provides the least amount of new information regarding our ancestor.

Contrary to the belief of some, in rare cases is the cause of death provided. This lack of information will not please those who are pursuing genetic genealogy or in other words, trying to establish a link between themselves and a particular illness of an ancestor from the past.

Now that I have described the actual death notation recorded in the civil ledgers of the commune, let's take a look at the two types of death documents which are available to the genealogists who requests them from their ancestral town. First there is the death certificate, certificate di morte and then the estratto, or extract. The certificate provides a limited amount of information versus the extract which contains much more valuable information than the certificate. Always request the extract when requesting an Italian civil death record.

Besides the civil death records described previously, you have one other option to obtain a death record for your ancestors and that is the death and burial record of the Catholic Church also known as the parish records found in your ancestor's Italian birthplace. As with the civil death records, expect the parish death records to be the least valuable and most difficult and time consuming records to obtain. Remember also, the difficulty in obtaining a specific death record when the ancestors' death data

is unknown. The ancestor could have died anytime over a period of many decades and to pinpoint the exact year of death within that time frame will be an extraordinarily difficult process.

The important genealogical data provided on the church death ledger at the parish archives usually includes the name, age and occupation of the deceased ancestor. Also, the name of the wife or husband of the deceased for each marriage, if more than one. In addition, the names of the parents of the deceased are provided and generally their occupations. Usually, the date of the deceased ancestors' baptism is also given. Finally, the burial act, time and place, are provided. Normally, per Italian law, the actual burial is within two days of the death and the place is almost always in the parish cemetery.

As stated in the description of civil records, the cause of death is absent from most parish death records. There are exceptions in some northeastern regions of Italy, particularly Venice, Padua and Trieste.

In summary, it is important to remember that civil death records are recorded in Italian and Catholic Church parish death ledgers are recorded in Latin. When pursuing these records via correspondence in the Italian language, be specific in your request and provide all the data you know concerning the deceased ancestor. One final reminder. Seek both the civil and church documents and when requesting the civil death records, specify the extract, not the certificate.

Although you may not always obtain everything you seek, death records have a way of "finalizing" your genealogical pursuit. Let's just say as

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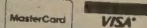
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## Ligonier Games adds harp competitions

The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Ligonier Highland Games, which will take place in Idlewild Park, Ligonier, Pennsylvania, on September 6, 2003, are expanding their Celtic Harp program through offering a harping competition under the sanction of the Scottish Harp Society of America (SHSA).

Ligonier has offered Celtic harping workshops for a number of years. However, Gordon, M. Reid, the president of the Clan Donald Educational and Charitable Trust which conducts the Ligonier Games, feels that adding the sanctioned harp competition more fully suits the Trust's purpose in encouraging the development of traditional Scottish cultural activities.

Judging this year's harping competition will be Christine Fraser Ramsey of Columbus, Ohio. Ms. Ramsey has extensive background as a champion harp competitor, is a well-known performer, a teacher and a recognized harping judge.

Serving as Director of Harping for the 2003 Ligonier Highland Games will be Dreama Powell, who has been running the Ohio Scottish Games harp contest for the past 17 years.

Harpers will be offered the chance to attend a harp workshop conducted by Ms. Ramsey on the morning of the Ligonier Games and then competition will take place in the afternoon. It will not be necessary to be a competitor in order to participate in the morning workshop.

Entry forms for the harp competition or to register for the workshop may be obtained by sending a SASE to the Ligonier Highland Games, PO Box 884, Bethel Park, PA 15102 or by downloading a entry form at <www.ligoniergames.org>.

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The deadline for letters from teachers is May 1, 2003.

For more information contact: Zora Drake, 2000 Firth of Tay Way, Raleigh, NC 27603, or call at 919-829-1851.

## We love a mystery! Can you solve this one?

Marilyn Ross of Clan Ross sent this to us in hopes that some *Family Tree* reader will be able to solve a very old mystery.

Marilyn wrote, "...was received from one of our Ross members. Do you know if "The Burns Memorial Committee" is still in existence? Does anyone have an address?"

Here's what the Clan Ross member wrote: "My father was a young boy when his mother died, after having five children, Donald being number four. His younger sister, Madeline died shortly after. Donald's two older sisters and an older brother helped their father keep the family together. I never heard my father speak of those years."

The story continued, "The grandfather had a music publishing business in the Boston area. I have learned that, for several years, he took a troupe of Scottish singers and dancers on tours of the northeastern United States. Apparently, his Scottish ancestry was important to him. He died in the 1920s, I believe. In his will, he left a gold-headed cane to my father."

"My mother left the cane to my brother, Richard, who passed it on to my care. The gold head is beautifully carved and has a story engraved within an oval on one side. Enlarged, it looks like this:

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1896

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## What city lies on two continents?

An interesting article in *National Geographic* points out some very revealing facts about the lower Bosphorus. The city on its banks that began as Byzantium became Constantinople during Roman times and today is known as Istanbul.

The northwestern part of the city is in Europe and the southwestern part lies in Turkey-Asia. So, the answer to our question of, "What city lies on two continents?"...it's Istanbul!

I wonder if anyone knows if the Burns Memorial Committee is still in existence. As you can see, the presentation was made more than 100 years ago. A newspaper account I saw once said that the cane was given 100 years after the death of Robert Burns. My grandfather earned it because he did so much to keep the memory of Robert Burns alive by making those annual tours.

If anyone knows anything about "The Burns Memorial Committee" please reply to: Marilyn Ross, 6251 Old Dominion Drive North, McLean, VA 22101. Marilyn will pass the information on to the inquirer. (Please let The Family Tree know too!)

## Rare and out-of-print

### Ulster genealogical research materials now available

Four obscure, out-of-print publications that should be included in every Ulsterman genealogy library have been discovered. These items have either expired copyright provisions or, in the case of the Hagy thesis, the author's permission has been given for reproduction purposes.

These documents may provide important clues in identifying specific ancestors.

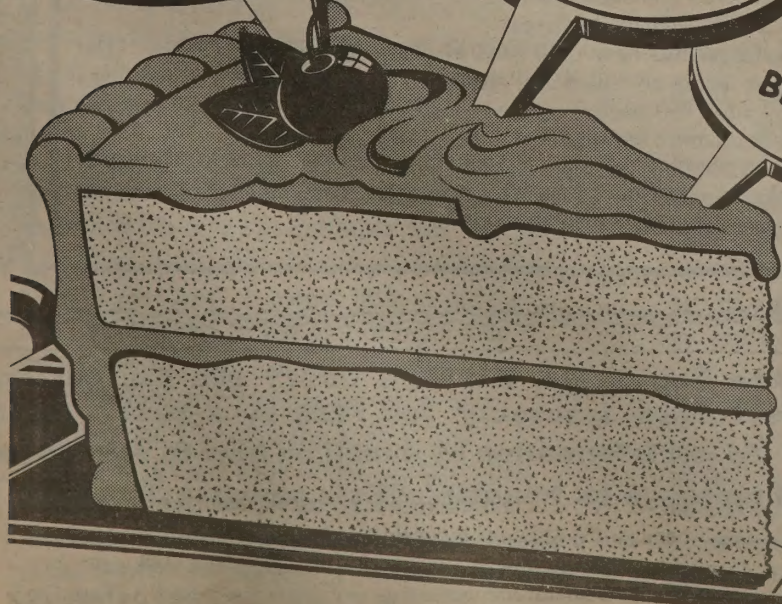
Specific questions will be answered at <CSCUMC@aol.com>. The publications are available at \$25 US each, are: *The Laggan and its Presbyterianism* and *In the Days of the Laggan Presbytery*, 1905, 1908 by the Rev. Alexander Lecky, B.A., member of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, Belfast, Davidson & McCormack.

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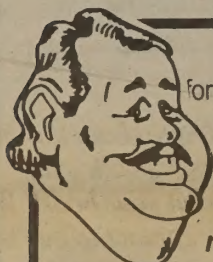
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As you're reading a genealogist report, you see one  
person's birth listed as 1730/31, while another person's birth  
is listed as 1730-31. What's the difference?

Slashes and dashes mean very different things to  
genealogists. You'll want to be sure to use them properly  
when you communicate with other genealogists. Here's a  
quick guide to keeping your slashes and dashes in line.

**Dash:** A dash give a time frame in which the event is  
presumed to have happened. If you know from other  
evidence that your ancestor Sally Southwick was born in  
1730 or 1731, but don't know for sure which year is the  
correct one, write her birth date as 1730-1731.

**Slash:** A slash indicates a double date, a date which may  
have been written in either of two forms. Between the years  
1582 and 1752, two different calendar systems were in use  
in England and the United States. The old Julian calendar  
started its year on 25 March. The new Gregorian calendar  
started its year on 1 January.

This means that double-dating is necessary from 1  
January to 24 March each year during this period. (No  
double dating is necessary from 25 March to 31 December,  
however. During these months, the years would have been  
the same.) So, if you see in a published genealogy that  
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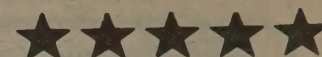
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county clerks can no longer  
allow genealogists and other re-  
searchers to see U.S. Depart-  
ment of Defense Form 214  
records, which document mili-  
tary veterans' status and eligi-  
bility for benefits.

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the veteran's spouse or child,  
a guardian with power of at-  
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fense representative, a funeral  
director or other person autho-  
rized by the court to do so.

In recent months, Califor-  
nia, Texas and Maine have also  
yanked vital records from pub-  
lic scrutiny because of con-  
cerns about identity theft.

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### Arapahoe County, Colorado Marriage Records now available

Columbine has finished the first 2 volumes of the *Arapahoe County, Colorado, Mar-  
riage Records*. The WPA and other volunteers published indexes of Arapahoe County  
marriage records through 1939 and subsequent to 1974 marriages records were indexed  
and are available at the Colorado State Archives.

From 1939 to 1974 the records have only been available at Arapahoe County. The  
records for this period are being compiled and published, with indexes. Volume I has  
7,243 records from 1939 into 1950 while Volume II continues through 1959 and contains  
6,630 records. Two more volumes are expected to be announced later.

The books should be available to be shipped about the end of the year. No wire-bound  
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# A Highlander And His Books



## A chat with Randolph & Carolyn Bruce

Authors of *Rebel King* (Book One),  
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**Q:** Do you mind telling our readers what type work you both do? Give us a brief note about your family and background.

**A:** (Carolyn) Both of us come from professional backgrounds of advertising, copywriting, and commercial art and illustration. In fact, we met while working in the same art department at a now-defunct printing company many years ago.

Our separate families migrated into the mountains of western Virginia around the time of the Revolutionary War, if not before. Both of us have Scottish ancestry with surnames like Bruce, Agnew, Fraser, Dunn, Thompson, Ingram, Preston, and others.

**Q:** Randolph, how and why did you and Carolyn decide to write a book, an historical novel, about Robert de Brus, at this stage in your lives?

**A:** (Randolph) Oh, it started way before Carolyn and I met. I was about four or five years old when my grandfather first told me that I was descended from Robert the Bruce, king of Scotland. It meant little at the time, but I always sort of thought of myself as being part of King Robert's family.

Fast forward to about ten years ago. Carolyn and I were in the library, and I happened upon a book about Scotland that included the story of The Bruce in a very condensed form. Inspired, I thought it would make a great movie, and in a short time, I had written a screenplay. After a fruitless quest to

attract attention for the idea in Hollywood, I threw the manuscript in a drawer. Along came *Braveheart* and its short shrift of poor ol' Robert and Scottish history (for instance, Edward II's wife was but a child in France when The Wallace was rampaging). For years, I'd look at my unsold script and growl a lot.

Then in 1999, I was on a trip and put a tape from Nigel Tranter's "Bruce" trilogy into the dashboard player and settled back to listen as I drove. Tranter was a well-known author and authority on things Scottish. But, listening to the tape I found myself growing angry - this was not the Robert de Bruce that I knew from my research and knowledge of my stubborn Scottish ancestors! I decided then that I would take my research and write the story of the Scottish hero as I saw him.

**Q:** I understand that the two of you wrote this book even though there were unusual circumstances about where each of you lived. Would you care to explain?

**A:** (Carolyn) We actually reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia, but have lived 250 miles apart for the past five years. My mom is elderly and though she does very well, is not able to stay by herself for long periods of time. So, when Randy had written a couple of chapters on this novel, he sent them by email for me to read. I thought they were great, offered to "edit" for him, and he accepted.

Well, I not only edited by added my two cents' worth. I sent them back to him, he liked what I had done and, before long, we were writing the book jointly...though still apart! But that's how the book, all 407 pages, actually got written.

**Q:** Word on the street is that this book might be considered movie material. Any truth to that at this time that you care to tell us about?

**A:** (Randolph) We would love to see our novel on the screen, and a number of our readers have long thought that our book would make a terrific movie. We are working on several possibilities, but at present, we haven't anything concrete. So if anybody wants to make us a serious offer, negotiations

are still open.

**Q:** Do you plan sequels to *Hammer of the Scots*, and if so, how many?

**A:** At present, we plan to complete a tetralogy. The second of the four, now in its early stages, is "working" titled, *Rebel King, Winter Blood*. We hope to have it out in late summer of this year. The third volume will tell the story of The Bruce through the Battle of Bannockburn, and the fourth, the Irish Campaign. There is occasionally talk about a fifth volume, but we haven't made that decision, yet.

**Q:** What is the best way to purchase this book since you have created a new publishing company to print and market your book? Who should an interested party contact to buy it?

**A:** *Hammer of the Scots* is available through many Scottish clans and societies, and from our website: <http://www.Robert-de-Bruce.com>. It is also in several independent bookstores, and we are working on getting it into the national chains. Just ask for it at your favorite bookstore; if they don't yet have it in stock, they should have it before long, or they can special order it for you. (Writer's note: go to the top of this article for the ISBN number to take to your bookstore.)

**Q:** Thank you for your cooperation in this "chat" interview. Is there anything else you would like to say to our readers?

**A:** We appreciate the opportunity you have given us to present our book to your readers. We have given much attention to historical facts, though sometimes Scotsmen may differ on what those facts are. Some of the story takes Scottish lore into account, and some minor things and characters are made up to move along the story. But we have tried to be true to the Scottish people and the way we think they would have managed during this heroic, horrible, inspiring period of our history. We have great hopes for the series, and its success all depends on whether or not people read our book. 'Tis a great story. Read it! (1/7/03)







## A HIGHLANDER AND HIS BOOKS

### Rebel King, Hammer of the Scots

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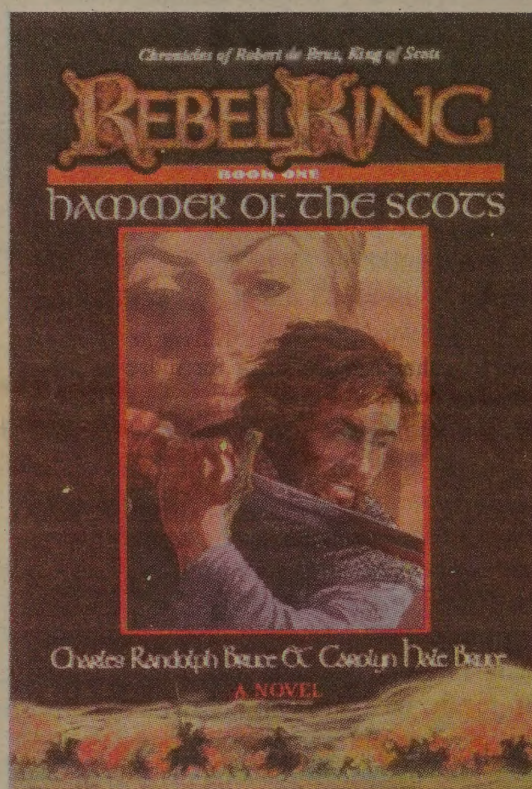


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For those of you who enjoy Scottish novels, particularly historical ones, this is a great book to settle down with in front of a fire on a cold, rainy, winter's night. Get yourself a glass of wine, a wee dram, or a cup of cappuccino to warm your soul. The book will, too! Other than Sir Walter Scott and Nigel Tranter, I normally do not make a habit of reading historical novels, and already you have a heads-up as to what I think about this book. I must confess that I was a little slow getting around to reading it. After all, it is a 407-page book! I take my reading time very personally. I do not casually read a book; I devour it like a leg of lamb or a beer-can chicken from my oft used backyard grill. *Rebel King, Hammer of the Scots* was no exception. I actually found myself eagerly returning to the book until the last page was read. When I had finished the book, I wished there had been more than the 407 pages. We'll get back to this aspect later in the review.

Mel Gay, also known as Beth's husband, introduced me to an interesting man at our Clan Chattan tent last October during the Stone Mountain Highland Games. Charles Randolph Bruce wanted to chat about his book. He spoke passionately and eloquently about what he and his wife, Carolyn, had written concerning "the chronicles of Robert de Brus, King of Scots". In a letter from Mr. Bruce, he described the book as "a fast-paced telling of the Scottish Wars of Independence, beginning only months after the unjustly and horribly meted out death of Sir William Wallace, subject of the Mel Gibson movie *Braveheart*." While this is a story informed Scots are familiar with, there are many others who have



You will be able to purchase autographed copies of *Rebel King, Hammer of the Scots* at Braveheart Scottish Weekend 2003 in Moultrie.

carelessly passed it by over the years. Both groups would do well to spend time with this book - the former to refresh their memories and stir their hearts

once again, with the latter learning what they have put off far too long. Randolph and Carolyn Bruce have written a wonderful book worthy of the Scottish communities' attention. Thanks, Mel!

Mr. Bruce informed me that the book "started out to be a 'family' story that grew into a 'Scotland' story". From my perspective, this is a book for anyone who enjoys an exciting and jam-packed book of suspense and intrigue. Simply put, it is an exciting, well-written novel. I'm glad I read the book, and I firmly believe if you read the first chapter, you will read the entire book like I did. It ends with the death of "the Hammer of the Scots", Edward I. We learn the story will continue with a sequel or two. Knowing this action filled account of the heroic Robert de Brus will continue is, to me, the best part.

Professionally, Randolph and Carolyn Bruce are both commercial artists, an added bonus for all readers. Their book is graced with artistic talent at the beginning of each chapter where you will find pencil drawings of the main characters - a very nice touch. Personally, the authors are parents and grandparents like so many of us. But, unlike so many of us, they have portrayed the beautiful story of Scotland's quest for freedom in words and drawings. The good news for this modern man is that the ancient story will continue as this talented husband and wife team weaves their magic formula again - hopefully in the near future!

## Eleven days that disappeared

In 1752, everyone in the British Empire (including the colonies that would soon become the United States) went to bed on September 2nd and woke up on September 14th. September 2, 1752 was the day the British government set to change the calendar that had been wrong since the time of

Julius Caesar.

In 46 B.C., Caesar's chief astronomer determined that there were exactly 365 1/4 days each year. Caesar then devised a calendar of 12 months totaling 365 days and, to take care of the 1/4 day, he invented the leap year which added an extra day every four years.

The problem was that the earth does not take exactly 365.25 days to orbit the sun but rather 365.2422 days. After several centuries, the calendar was seriously out of whack. Pope Gregory XIII devised a correction in 1582 that solved the problem for most Catholic countries, but the British refused to adopt the

Gregorian calendar for another 170 years by which time the deviation amounted to 11 days.

Those 11 days vanished when the British Calendar Act decreed that September 2, 1752 would be followed by September 14, 1752. It appears there was rioting in the streets by those who felt they had been cheated of 11 days.

But the earth continued orbiting around the sun just the same.

Adapted from an article by William Russell, Ed.D. in the *Sacramento Bee*, September 1, 1990.



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For lots more info about organizing reunions, visit [www.reunionsmag.com](http://www.reunionsmag.com). List your reunion free; check listings at the Reunions! section. Lots of information about fundraising to help pay for your reunion.

### Big reunion fundraising boost!

Check out this new contest that will provide \$25,000 worth of goods and services for two reunions. Deadline is April 14<sup>th</sup> so you'll want to get details pronto. The two winners must hold their family reunions between June 15 and

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Hebrew National, a brand of ConAgra Foods, Inc., developed the Hebrew National Family Reunion (HNFR) program that focuses on bringing "family" (broadly defined - from relatives and friends to co-workers and others) together.

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Here are some upcoming family reunions.

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Murphy of Ireland, then Newmarket area, York County, New Brunswick, Canada. July 18- 20, 2003, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. Pat (Foley) Casper, 8722 Grand Oak Dr, Salt Lake City UT 84121; 801-942-1392; [juddcasper@earthlink.net](mailto:juddcasper@earthlink.net).

#### Lewis

Family from Cleveland, Ohio, will be celebrating their five year anniversary reunion. July 11-13, 2003, Toronto, Canada. <Andrea Harris @ [aharris@uws.org](mailto:aharris@uws.org)> for more details.

#### MacDonough

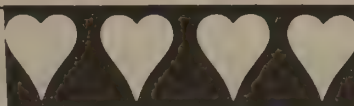
Descendants of George and Sarah MacDonough from Trenton NJ. Sep 12-14, 2003, Bellingham WA. Betty or Donald MacDonough, <[dobemac@msn.com](mailto:dobemac@msn.com)>.

#### Wallace

3<sup>rd</sup> International Gathering. July 24-27, 2003, Reno NV. Richard A. Wallace, <[wallacegathering@excite.com](mailto:wallacegathering@excite.com)>, <[www.ziggyl.com](http://www.ziggyl.com)>.

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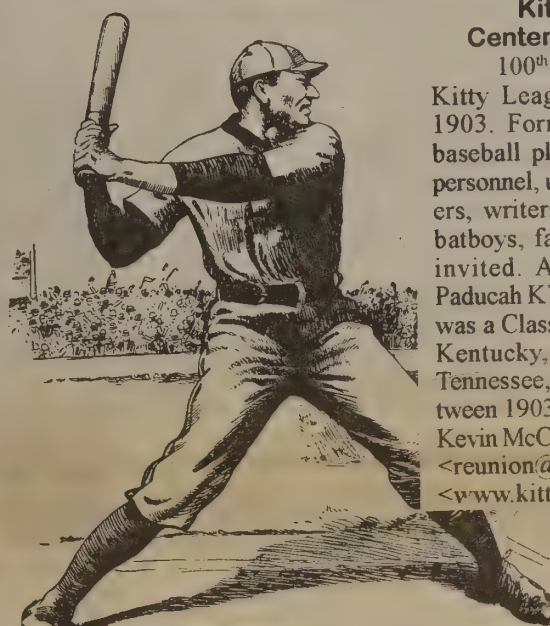
June 1, 2003, High Falls State Park, Jackson GA. Kathy M c C o y , <[katsmac@bellsouth.net](mailto:katsmac@bellsouth.net)>.



#### 12<sup>th</sup> Gathering of Cornish Cousins

Sponsored by the Cornish American Heritage Society and hosted by the Toronto Cornish Association. July 23-

27 2003, Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada. Features include Cornish genealogy, a Bardic ceremony, Cornish pasties, a Cornish choir. Contact Brian Waters, 55 Balmoral Ave, Toronto, Ont. M4V 1J5; <[brianmarjwaters@sympatico.ca](mailto:brianmarjwaters@sympatico.ca)>.



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His name was Butcher, so the night before he left he gave this to me. I know this medal meant a lot to him. Well the next day early morning his outfit was the first to invade into France. They were know as the "Tiny to TA," well they didn't make it. Everyone was lost.

I went in later still doing all kinds of Police work a lot of times worked alone. Until the Battle of the Bulge. Which never should have happened. The officers goofed, from the top down, British as well.

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They all agreed on two points, it was too moist in texture and it tasted good! Our next production run will address the problem by cutting back the water a bit. I never thought I would have such a panel of experts critique my haggis and to compare our haggis with the finest Scottish haggis.

I offered their fresh in the casing versions for judging, but they had my canned version to offer. Needless to say I was absolutely delighted and feel very fortunate to have any chance to compete in such an event.

Jim Walters, King of Caledonian Kitchen! Jim has been so very kind to The Family Tree offering to share his profits with us! Eat more Caledonian haggis!



## Now you can buy yummy haggis at The Family Tree office in Moultrie!

Now, when you visit The Odom Library in Moultrie you may also purchase some of the delicious Haggis made by Jim Walters and the Caledonian Kitchen! You'll find a display just outside of Beth's office...and a good supply of The Caledonian Kitchen's outstanding haggis just waiting for you.

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Thanks to Jim and The Caledonian Kitchen!



Who are these fine pipers! They were performing at the Heart of Tennessee Scottish Games last October in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Please let us know at The Family Tree if you know!

## Family Tree organizational newsletter collection grows on <[electricscotland.com](http://electricscotland.com)>

The collection of newsletters posted on The Family Tree Internet site at <<http://electricscotland.com>> is growing!

So far we have: The Alabama Celtic Association; Clan MacArthur - The Round Table; The Augusta Genealogy Society; Southern Echoes; Clan Blackstock; Clan Buchanan Society; International; clan Carmichael USA; The Clans of Scotland, USA - The Piper; The Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society; Clan Cochrane - Clan Cochrane Heritage; The Council of Scottish Clans & Associations - the Claymore; The Clan Cunningham; Clan Guthrie; Clan Hall Society; Clan Hanna; The Jacksonville (FL) Genealogical Society; The Leslie Society of Australia and New Zealand; The Clan MacBean; The Clan MacBubba; The Clan MacDougall; The Clan MacLeod Society USA, Inc.; The Clan MacNicol of North America; Clan Pollock; The Clan Pollock; The Palmetto & Thistle - Scottish American Military Society of West Palm Beach, Florida; The Scottish District Families Association and the Winnebago & Boone Counties Genealogical Society - Footprints.

If your group would like to have their newsletter published on the Internet at no charge, simply send it either as a text file or a jpeg file to <[alastair@electricscotland.com](mailto:alastair@electricscotland.com)> with a request for it to be added to The Family Tree Newsletter section. You are also welcome to include a copy of your membership application.

### Beware the "809" Scam!

Be aware that scam artists are leaving messages on voicemail, answering machines, pagers and emails asking you to call a phone number in the 809 area code.

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message even though it might claim a family member is ill or deceased.

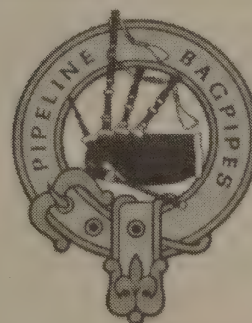
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## Hereditary disease and Genealogy

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I once met at a Society of Genealogist conference in Oxford an eminent Family Historian from New Zealand.

Her reason for beginning her research was because her daughter had been born with a cleft palate, a condition which is considered to be hereditary, and she was keen to discover more.

Needless to say long after her daughter's palate had been repaired she was still hooked on her family history.

Unfortunately many of the serious genetic conditions which affect children are not so easily cured, in fact medical conditions such as Leukodystrophy, Hurler isease,

Edwards Syndrome, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and Cystic Fibrosis are all life limiting. The unfortunate children born with the defective genes which cause these diseases will not reach adulthood.

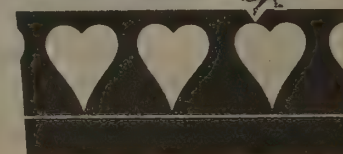
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The Children's Hospice Association Scotland, CHAS, opened Rachel House, Scotland's first Children's Hospice, in Kinross on the shores of Loch Leven in 1996. Rachel House is available to any family with a child/young if

person who has a qualifying condition and aged between 0-18 at first referral. It is run by a multi-skilled team of paid permanent staff consisting of nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nursery nurses, play and music therapists, a chaplain and a social worker. It is available all the year round at no cost to the family.

The annual running costs of the hospice are currently £1.7m, most of which comes from public subscription each year. Much of it from people who are grateful for their own healthy children and grandchildren and some of it from the many Scots and their descendants who have gone forth and settled in all corners of the world.

CHAS is planning a second purpose built hospice at Balloch on the shores of Loch Lomond, where we will be able to care for a further 200 children with life limiting conditions and their families. A £10m capital appeal has been launched to fund this new project.



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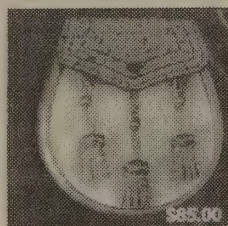
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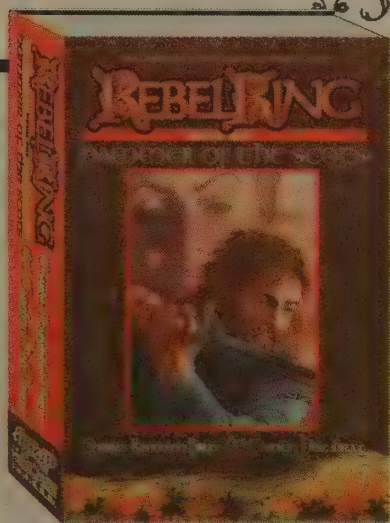
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# Robert Burns Lives!

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## WHISKEY AND BURNS GANG THEGITHER

Thomas Keith

A man so full of contradictions as Robert Burns is bound to be stuck with some tales and myths that, over time, become facts in the minds of many people. Some of those myths are that Burns was uneducated, unsophisticated, a drunk, tone deaf, that he was a successful farmer, or that he died of venereal disease, to name a few. I would like to attempt to debunk one of those myths - that the poet was not only a heavy drinker, but that because of alcoholism, Burns brought about his own death. Neither assertion is true.

Burns' first biographer was a Liverpool physician, Dr. James Currie. Picking up on an obituary that appeared in *The London Chronicle* a week after Burns' death in July 1796, Currie perpetuated the story that Burns was a heavy drinker. This 'character flaw' provided fodder for the 19<sup>th</sup> century image of the tragic genius whose life becomes a morality tale about the wages of sin no matter how brilliant the sinner's gifts. This portrait of Burns was easily put together, required no research or fact finding and most importantly, sold books. Published in 1800, Currie ends the story of Burns' life:

"At last, crippled, emaciated, having the very power of animation wasted by disease, quite broken-hearted by the sense of his errors, and of the hopeless miseries in which he saw himself and

his family depressed; with his soul still tremblingly alive to the sense of shame, and to the love of virtue; yet even in the last feebleness, and amid the last agonies of expiring life, yielding readily to any temptation that offered the semblance of intemperate enjoyment; he died at Dumfries, in the summer of the year 1796."

That description is not only melodramatic and moralistic, it's not based on anything other than Currie's imagination. Other biographers added further fictional details to similar such pitiful descriptions for the next twenty years, and they became the accepted standard-death brought on by weakness of character. This was not only a titillating and gossip story but approaching the tail end of the Age of Enlightenment, it was a commonly held belief that anyone who possessed true genius had ultimately to pay for it with some fatal flaw. It is a perfect way to take a Hero and cut him off at the knees.

Belatedly in 1828, Burns' brother Gilbert, in an attempt to counteract some of the rumor and insult, edited a new edition of the poems wherein he included personal accounts of life with the Poet and testified in no uncertain terms about Burns' sobriety, even bringing in the supporting views of several of Burns' contemporaries.

It didn't work. In a popular textbook called Hogg's Instructor, published in 1847, it is written how in Burns' last days he "...was desperately at bay, vomiting forth obscenity, blasphemy, fierce ribaldry, and invective. Alas! The mouth which once chanted 'The Cotter's Saturday Night' on the Sabbath day...was now an open sepulchre, full of uncleanness and death...a hideous compost of filth and fire."

Ouch! By 1869 another spokesman for 'heaven above,' one Rev. Fergus Ferguson got a good bit of attention for a sermon he gave, which was later widely reprinted. The title of Rev. Ferguson's sermon posed what was quite a troubling question: "Should Christians commemorate the birthday of Robert Burns?"

In 1878 the Rev. George Gilfillan in a brief biography published as part of an anthology he



Our Guest Columnist, Mr. Thomas Keith of New York



titled *The National Burns*, recounts how he and a friend felt when presented with a copy of Burns' *The Merry Muses of Caledonia*. After reading over the risqué poems, rather carefully I would guess, Gilfillan realized that the Poet must have been drunk when he wrote them as there was no other way to explain how blasphemy could come out of such an otherwise virtuous man. Gilfillan later eliminates any hope of a virtuous Burns by reporting the account of an innkeeper who knew a friend of Gilfillan's who told this friend about seeing Burns stumbling out of a tavern and into a whore-house "...and there behaved so disgracefully, being of course intoxicated, that he was spurned out, and fell into a hedge opposite the door. The ground was covered with snow, and when he awoke and went home, he found the fatal chill and the accidental disease to boot."

"The fatal chill?" "The accidental disease!" So now Burns is such a miserable creature that he dies from being a social outcast, drunkenness and venereal disease! It is an understatement to say that an eyewitness account from the friend of a friend of a friend can be dubious.

An image that ran concurrently to the image of Burns as "drinker/sinner" was that of Burns as "drinker/manly man". The stories about Burns' prowess with women and his many affairs started circulating well before his death. This figure of Burns as early Valentino/Elvis could inspire confidence in the average Scottish male and when combined with alcohol, could make him feel downright proud. One good example of this is cigarette cards and postcards that were manufactured between 1900 and 1930 which portrayed young men and women in all sorts of provocative situations (provocative for that time) accompanied by quotes from Burns. Often there would be a portrait of Burns himself along with a quote from his work or sometimes a quote such as, "Here's to a long life and a merry one, a quick death and an easy one, a pretty girl and a true one, a cold bottle and another one." Burns never said that or wrote it - it is a completely spurious quote. But it does show how important it was for some people that Burns be seen as a drinker. Burns' name and likeness have been used to sell at least a hundred different brands of liquor and beer.

So, back to what Robert Burns actually did die of. Though mid-twentieth century medical

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Because of space, we are serializing this article.

If you would like to read it in its entirety, please visit <<http://electricscotland.com>> and see the February/March 2003 issue of The Family Tree. Many thanks to Dr. Knights for this grand article!



Genealogists are rapidly becoming aware that they now have a powerful new means of investigating the past - a system so powerful that genealogy will never be the same again. It's

been a long time coming, because without dramatic achievements in computer science and molecular biology, this new venue for genealogical research could never exist.

It all started at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, when scientists began to realize our existence was controlled by chromosomes and something new called "genes." The scien-

tific observations were already reported by Mendel, but it took the emerging technologies of microscopy and the diligent efforts of biochemists to open up new vistas for the field of genetics. While some diseases are inherited according to Mendel's laws, human inheritance patterns were found to be much more complex, or "multifactorial," in many others. Clinicians became fascinated by "inborn errors of metabolism."

The rate of research on the body's building blocks, DNA, began to accelerate in mid-century with the development of the transistor, leading to impressive expansion of capabilities in data acquisition, storage and retrieval. Watson and Crick described the alpha-helix and genetic research and engineering shifted rapidly into a higher gear. As the century ended, the ambitious Human Genome Project met its first goals, but only because technology now made it possible, through online sequencing and databases, to perform and record detailed studies on genomes, transmitting the findings to anyone who was interested and had a computer. Before we realized it, the genetic era has metamorphosed into the genomic era.

## Benefits for genealogists

Genealogists have benefited

greatly from this information explosion in all aspects of their traditional research. Critical research sources, such as census records, vital records, military and pension data and a vast variety of legal documents have become available on the web or recorded on electronic media. Much research can be done suc-

cessfully on a lap-top computer. It has also been practical to "mind" large written databases for genealogical and related valuable medical information. Inherited human genes offer a marvelous documentation of ancestry, potentially far more reliable than any previous oral or written source. The result is that genealogy, traditionally a highly respected art, is now also a science. A few genealogists don't realize this yet and have to be dragged, kicking and screaming, into the new millennium. But most are impressed with the potentials this new approach offers. Many are excited about the opportunities to solve long-standing genealogical mysteries. They're anxious to use these new "tools of the trade," but they have questions, and rightly so. Are genomic studies reliable? Are they affordable? What confidentiality protections are in place. Once I have my DNA for study, who owns the data, who has access to the results, and who can use it for research? And what are the best studies to perform for our own family's needs?

## Y's and wherefores of parentage

At this early stage, two very different types of DNA analysis are being used to trace our ancestors. One of these uses the Y chromosome, which is of particular value to genealogists because it is only transmitted by a male to his male offspring and Western culture, rightly or wrongly, has always placed more emphasis on the paternal pedigree. Laboratories are offering comparative studies using various markers which they can identify on these Y chromosomes.

The Y chromosome of a son is not always identical to that of his father, as markers can change, or mutate, from one generation to the next. Markers, or chromosomal changes occurring each generation, include indels: insertions or deletions of DNA; SNP's: unique event polymorphisms or rare

single-nucleotide polymorphisms; microsatellites: usually of four nucleotides; and minisatellites; longer sequences of nucleotides.

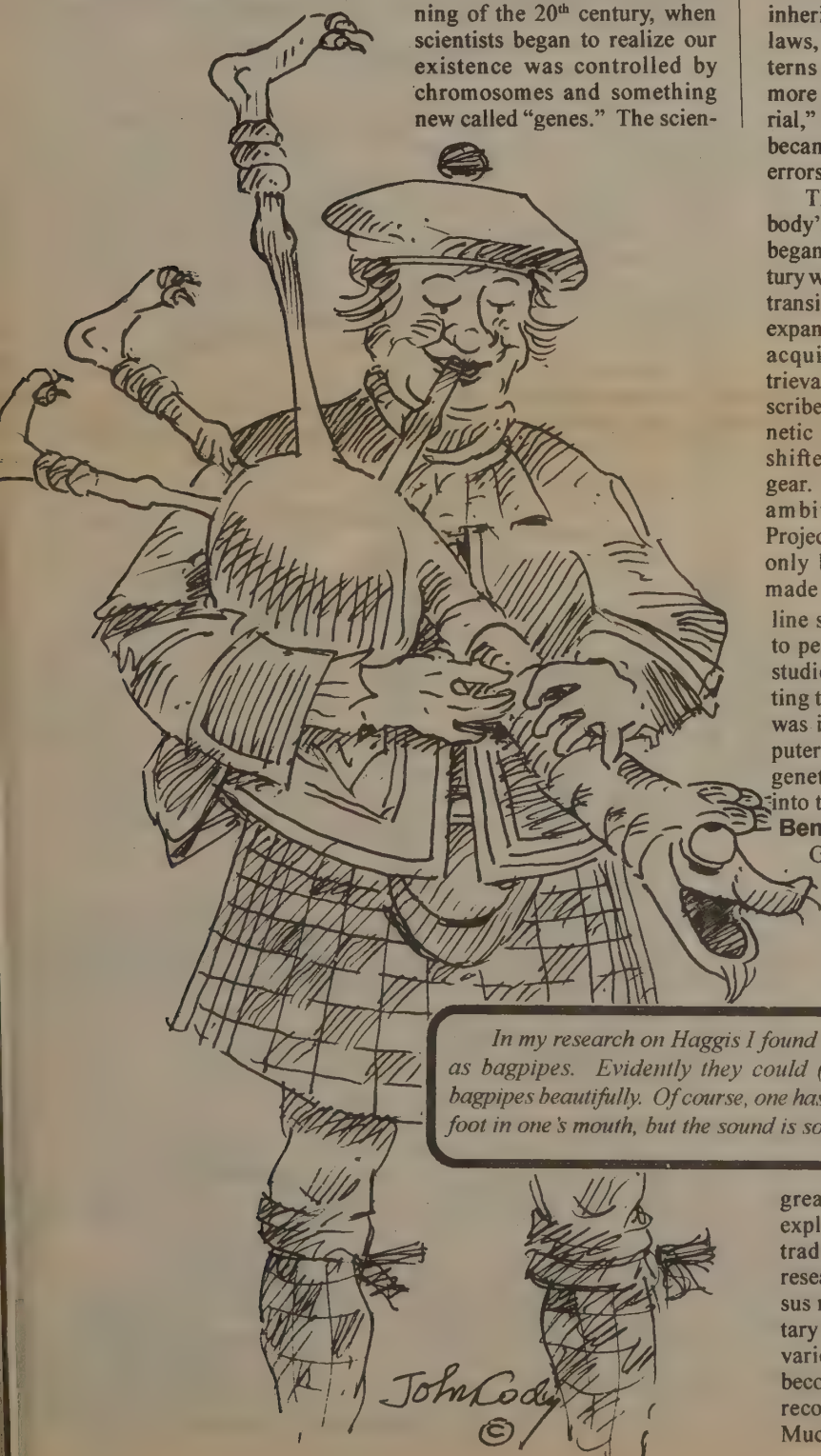
For example, the Y-specific minisatellite MSY-1, which has a mutation rate of a few percent per generation, can be studied along with less rapidly mutating systems (e.g., microsatellites with rare mutations per generation or extremely rare base substitutions per generation), used in the genealogical approach to Y diversity. The slowly mutating markers define "haplogroups" of chromosomes related by descent and the microsatellites and minisatellite can then be used to study diversity.

Areas of the Y chromosome which mutate extremely slowly have been found to be characteristic of certain geographical areas. Hapotype 1 is especially common in Western Europe and most of these males also have Hapotype 1.5. Hapotype 2.47 and 3.65 are more common in Norway and other Scandinavian countries. It appears that while their haplotypes remained stable, many males migrated.

## Probabilities prevail

Haplotypes are comprised of paired genes, or alleles. Testing these alleles helps to distinguish and separate large numbers of samples. Bryan Sykes refers to the most common European groups as haplotype 1 and haplotype 2. The DNA analysis is then done for microsatellites which mutate frequently and make up most of the chromosome. Each microsatellite is assigned a number. There is no uniformity as to how many of satellites are included in the analyses - it varies from laboratory to laboratory and is continually changing within laboratories. If two samples share similar microsatellites, the statistics strongly favor a common ancestry.

Continued next time...or you may see at <http://electricscotland.com> in February/March Family Tree.



*In my research on Haggis I found that they also doubled as bagpipes. Evidently they could (and can) imitate the bagpipes beautifully. Of course, one has to put up with Haggis' foot in one's mouth, but the sound is so sweet!*

greatly from this information explosion in all aspects of their traditional research. Critical research sources, such as census records, vital records, military and pension data and a vast variety of legal documents have become available on the web or recorded on electronic media. Much research can be done suc-



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## New national and state veteran's cemeteries planned by VA

The new Ft. Still National Cemetery will soon open in Oklahoma and The Veteran's Administration plans to open five more new national cemeteries in the next five years.

A Veteran's Administration grant program pays for building and equipping new state veterans cemeteries. Fifty state cemeteries have been built with Veteran's Administration grants.

The Veteran's Administration continues to expand existing national cemeteries and may purchase land next to cemeteries that are nearing capacity. Sometimes other agencies transfer surplus land to The Veteran's Administration. Citizens may purchase property and donate it for cemetery expansion.

With five cemeteries built in the last four years, one ready to open and five on the drawing board, and The Veteran's Administration-grant cemeteries planned by the states, burial services will be within commuting distances of 80 percent of America's veterans by 2003.

Some of the oldest national cemeteries developed at Civil War battlefields and prison camps are historic landmarks.

Yet, they too are expanding to meet today's needs.

A Confederate prison in Salisbury, North Carolina, that held 10,000 Union soldiers became a death camp for more than 8,000 men due to shortages of food, clothing and medicine. The Salisbury National Cemetery, established in 1863, ran out of grave space and a nearby Veteran's Administration medical center transferred 50 surplus acres for its use.

The Fort Scott Kansas National Cemetery began as a part of a western frontier Army fort built in 1842. The 10.5 acre cemetery was approaching its burial limit when local veterans took out a loan and bought adjacent acreage.

To learn more about VA burial benefits for veterans call 1-800-827-1000 or visit the Veteran's Administration National Cemetery Administration at <[www.cem.veteran'sadministration.gov](http://www.cem.veteran'sadministration.gov)>.

Thanks to the *Express News - North & West* - 5 March, 2002 via *Inscriptions*, Newsletter of the Wisconsin State Old Cemetery Society, 6100 West Mequon Rd., Mequon, WI 53092-1951.

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**Robert Burns Lives!**, *Continued from page 16 A*

research indicated that Burns died of rheumatic heart disease, it is most likely that his illness was brought on by something called brucellosis, a steadily debilitating bacterial infection caught by drinking unpasteurized milk, which in his case was exacerbated by Burns' doctor's prescription to ingest mercury to stimulate his liver! Later the doctor's advice to engage in cold saltwater baths brought about the pneumonia that finally killed him.

The story that Burns died of problems related to alcoholism began with rumors. Those rumors had to come from somewhere and a good place to look to understand them is in Burns' correspondence in the last year of his life. He often describes, in graphic detail, his symptoms and overall physical condition. Between having the shakes, being pale and drawn (later emaciated) and often so weak he was barely able to stand, it is no wonder that most of the first hand accounts of Burns being observed intoxicated, usually during the day and in public, come from that last year. He wasn't drunk, he was dying.

Even without the information provided by 20th century doctors, and ignoring the first hand accounts of friends, family, contemporaries and Burns himself, it would not be difficult for a 19th century biographer to establish Burns as having had a normal intake of alcohol. For that matter, it would be difficult to prove Burns was a drunk. All the biographer would have had to do was add up a few well-documented facts and then do a little deductive reasoning. Burns lived for 37 years; he was writing for the last 23 of those years, which for these purposes we will consider his "adult life" - lasting from age 14 until his death; Burns worked full-time as a farmer for 19 of those last 23 years; he worked as an Excise man or Tax Collector for

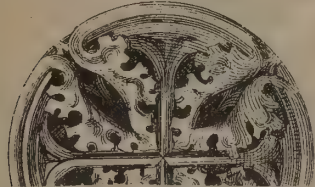
the last 9 years (this often involved traveling up to 40 miles a day, 5 days a week on horseback); Burns was involved in at least four major relationships, including with his wife, Jean Armour, to whom he was twice married; Burns was the father of 13 children, nine of them with Jean Armour; he financially supported all the children born outside his marriage; Burns personally saw to it that his children were educated, often tutoring them himself; he was an active Mason for the last 15 years; Burns was a Volunteer in the Dumfries Militia for the last five years; he founded a public lending library in Dumfries; and Burns collected songs for two major Scottish anthologies. Combine those time consuming activities with these statistics: Burns wrote over 250 poems, over 350 songs and, of his hundreds of letters, 715 are now extant, and hundreds of others are referred to by various correspondents.

In the face of all the above, it would be easy to believe that Burns died of exhaustion! He had no time to be a heavy drinker and, even if he had found the time, he could not have accomplished so much or kept up his hectic schedule, let alone write with such unparalleled skill.

Hopefully knowing that Burns was actually sober when he did his writing won't take away any of the pleasure you have reading Burns or the admiration you may have for him.

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## Clan MacFarlane, Continued from page 6 A

at Eilean-a-Bhuth and Inveruglas by Cromwellian forces led by General Monck during the Imperialist English invasions in the 1650s.

In 1767 Walter MacFarlane, who was their 20th Chief being a respected Antiquary and Scholar and original Friend of Loch Lomond who planted most of the magnificent Oaks trees in the area, he died leaving debt. This was made worse by his brother William 21st chief, to settle them he had to sell the lands of Arrochar in 1784, leading to all Macfarlane people being evicted and scattered around the globe. The last Chief died in 1866.

Today however fortunes are looking up for the Clan. Under their imaginative leadership through the international Clan MacFarlane Society, Inc. (Originally founded in 1911 in Glasgow and London and re-established at Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina, USA in 1973.) They were granted Arms by The Lord Lyon King of Arms making them the only chiefless Armigerous society and they are thriving and striving to take the descendants of MacFarlane back where they belong. They are currently fund-raising to set up the Clan MacFarlane Heritage Centre and Museum of Highland Life in Tarbet, Loch Lomond, The tar-

get they require is \$400,000 US, and they have in a few months collected \$100,000 US. So they are well on their way.

The heritage centre will be located on the Main road between Tarbet and Arrochar in the old Free Church at Ballyhennan. This building is currently known as the "Black Sheep" and houses a viable Craft Shop and Licensed Restaurant. There is an upper level that will house the Museum and Archive. The Churchyard holds mainly MacFarlane Graves, including certainly one MacFarlane Chief. The Clan MacFarlane Society seeks to create a focal point for all Macfarlanes world-wide and create a permanent institution so future generations will be able to enjoy their heritage. The Society is also working on regaining Islands of Inveruglas and Eilean-a-Bhuth (I Vow) in Loch Lomond that house the ruins of their ancestral Castles with a view to future restoration.

The Museum will include not only information and artefacts from the Clan Macfarlane but will also tell the story of how life was for

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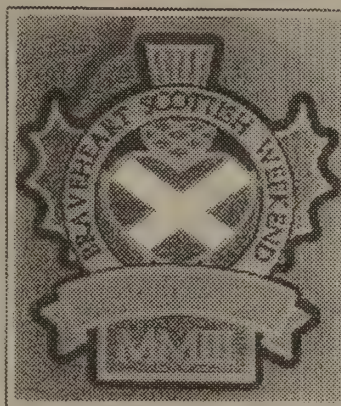
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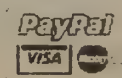
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**Clan Macfarlane** Continued from page 20 A

people throughout the West Highlands. Local Schools will enjoy free access to the Museum and future excavations, with the hope that children in

Scotland will be able to learn more about their heritage. It will also include a genealogy database on the Clan Macfarlane and will also sup-

port Archaeological surveys and excavations and restorations of Historical Macfarlane sites like the castles in Loch Lomond and the more than 50

ancient settlements in their ancestral homelands.

The Clan MacFarlane Society urgently needs the Support of all Macfarlanes and the

Scottish Community worldwide to bring this to fruition. To find out how you can help or join CMSI please visit: <<http://www.macfarlane.org>>





## Our dancers start early!



Kayla Flowers, granddaughter of Charlene McGowan, is shown at the Salady, Texas Scottish Gathering last November. Tommy Campbell is piping for this brand new Highland dancer!

We thank a reader from California who sent their "Knee Lover" tag to us!

If you have a Tag w' a Scottish Accent...or photograph you'd like to share, be sure and send it to *The Family Tree*!

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Dee Rawlins is pictured here with her husband Dan on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with their real, true, family tree. Pictured are Catee, Charlie, Angela, Daniel, Dewayne, Danice & Vincent, Dee & Dan - parents, children and grandchildren. She is a member of the Daughter of the American Revolution. Recently Dee Rawlins received a certificate for NSDAR Award from Corinne Robertson, Chairman of the American Heritage Committee, Sarah Maples chapter. Mrs. Rawlins submitted cross-stitched needlework in the Fiber Arts Category featuring her grandchildren. She placed first in the Texas Society level and third in the National level.

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Thanks to Dorothy Conrey Turley of Palos Verdes Peninsula, California.

Here is another quick tip. When I use my scanner to get a picture from a book or thick item, it is hard to have the top put down, so when I have the book in the scanner and the edges sticking out, I throw a large dark sweater or cloth over the whole thing so no light can get in. The writing and pictures turn out well.

Buirl Thomsen, *Ancestry Daily News*, September 10, 2002. Thanks to the *IPG Newsletter*, PO Box 10, Kathleen, FL 33849.



# Good news about all kinds of things!

## New Internet Scots dictionary planned!

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A new dictionary is being compiled which will put on the internet tens of thousands of Scots words dating back as far as 800 years. Academics behind the project hope it will be available online by February 2004.

The party group on the Scots Language, Irene McGugan, visited the team of researchers at the University of Dundee recently and praised their work. Ms. McGugan said: "Vernacular Scottish is used by more than one million people daily and is the largest 'minority' language in the UK.

This indicates a changing mood towards our culture, which is vitally important. If we don't work to keep the indigenous languages alive, now one else will do it for us. Making the Scots language accessible on the Internet is a fantastic way to open it up to as many people as possible."

The Dundee researchers are working through 100,000 Scots words, some of which date back to AD 1200. The team is led by senior English lecturer, Dr. Victor Skretkiewicz. The three-year project has been funded by a £230,000 grant from the Arts and Humanities Research Board.

Details are available in a recent BBC News article that you can read at: [http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/uk/scotland/newsid\\_2022000/2022999.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/uk/scotland/newsid_2022000/2022999.stm).

## The Greelaw's celebrate 250 years in America!

The year 2003 marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of William and Jane Greenlaw and their family in America. They set sail from Scotland and arrived on the coast of Maine in summer of 1753. After 250 years of Greenlaw heritage in Canada and the United States, some of us think that this is an opportunity for Greelaw descendants of Will-

iam and Jane to gather and celebrate.

We would like the opportunity to meet each other, explore our history, acquaint ourselves with our ancestry, and celebrate our Scottish roots and heritage. Join us in Maine on August 14-17, 2003 to celebrate Greenlaw 250!

For further information please contact the Greelaw 250 Coordinator, Stephen H.

Snell at 1106 Belle View Boulevard, #C2, Alexandria, VA

22307, call at 703-768-4708, or email at <StephSnell@aol.com>.

## Happy Wedding anniversary to Clan Leslie folk!

Stewart and Mary Leslie celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last September 6. Congratulations!

Jack (John Clifford) and Jean Leslie celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last

May 1. The couple met just out of high school in 1939 and were married in 1942 while Jack was serving in the RCAF.

After the war, Jack was an Alderman of the city of Calgary, Canada and later became Mayor. Jean is a Scottish Logan and Jack, of course, a Leslie.

## Braveheart Scottish Weekend 2003 Honoring these groups and Clans who have declared The Odom Library home There will be ribbons and certificates for each group.

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MacTavish Chiefly Arms  
matriculated April 1793



MacTavish Chiefly Arms  
as of January 2003

### New Arms for MacTavish chief, continued from page 1 A

stock. This was corrected in 1851 with a new matriculation correcting the Burns arms, which completely omitted the gyronny. Likewise, there is a well known and often accepted legend that the MacTavish are actually Campbells. The MacTavish Arms of old were said to be a 'gyronny of eight azure and argent' (blue and silver), as researched by the Western Highland Clans historian, Niall Diarmid Campbell, later 10th Duke of Argyll, although these arms were never registered.

The Arms attributable to MacTavish dating from 1793 are: Quarterly, 1st and 4th a Gyronny of eight Sable and Or; 2nd and 3rd, Argent, a buck's head cabossed Gules attired Or on a Chief engrailed Azure a cross crosslet fitchée between two mullets of the Third. The troublesome nature of the MacTavish arms (of 1793), as is true with some other clans and families, expressed briefly above, stems in part from the Chiefs neglecting to register their arms at an earlier period, and often the ancient heraldry of these Clans and families was lost.

Similarly, the 1793 matriculation of MacTavish of Dunardry arms were either those adopted by MacTavish, which is questionable, or more likely, they were devised by Lyon Campbell to fit a particular circumstance.

There is no dispute that MacTavish descends from the same genealogic root as does Campbell, but well before the name of Campbell ever appeared. In that era of the early 1100s the Campbell ancestors were known as MacDuine.

In West Highland Scots

heraldry, normally the 1st quarter of any shield of arms is the predominant one and shows the Ensign Armorial of the Name of the armiger. Therefore, the MacTAVISH shield of 1793 would be taken as that of a man whose surname was CAMPBELL, which, of course, is NOT the case.

Since his matriculation in 1997, Chief Dugald MacTavish of Dunardry has not been satisfied with merely bringing back an ancient clan and chiefship, but with correcting a long standing injustice to the Clan MacTavish itself.

Ironically, a subject long overlooked is addressed in the annals of the Craignish Campbells, wherein it is anciently affirmed that the Clan MacTavish were independent, describing them as having repudiated any dependency on the Argyll Campbells.

Additionally, a newly found work by an historian for the Braemar Royal Highland Gathering, shows that MacTavish is one of 69 original Highland Clans, which makes clear the distinction.

The correct placement of Ensigns armorial now serves the MacTavish by lifting the shadow of the Argyll Campbells. With the affirmation of Lord Lyon, the ancient Clan Tavish of Dunardrie steps forward in vindication with new arms, and into a bright future; its once forgotten history of much interest to Scots the world over.

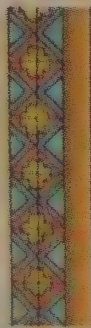
### American Clan Lockhart, Continued from page 1 A

They will publish their first newsletter soon which will be mailed out and portions put on the web page. Plans are being finalized for the first AGM to be held at the Glasgow Kentucky Games on May 31 and June 1. The meeting will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2003 at 2.00

They invite any and all who are Lockhart descendants (or any of the various spellings of Lockhart) to contact the Membership secretary, Mrs. Barbara Bouton, 6657 Merwin Road, Columbus, OH 43225, to get more information, ask questions and join in this new endeavor. Check out their web site at <www.ClanLochart-US.org>.

A depiction of the New Arms of MacTavish of Dunardry, as agreed to by Lord Lyon Robin Blair is. The new, corrected arms: Quarterly, 1st and 4th, Argent, a Buck's Head cabossed Gules attired Or on a Chief engrailed Azure a cross crosslet fitchée between two mullets of the First; 2nd and 3rd, Gyronny of eight Sable and Or. Above the Shield is placed an Helm befitting his degree with a Mantling Azure doubled Argent, and on a Wreath of the Liveries is set for Crest a boar's head erased Or langued Proper, and in an Escrol over the same this Motto "NON OBLITUS".

The corrected arms places the MacTavish Buck's Head in the predominant quarters, with the MacDuine/Campbell gyronny removed to the lesser quarters, expressing descent. The Livery colors are amended and corrected to Azure and Argent, reflecting the tincture and metal of those attributable to Clan Tavish.



## SCOTTISH HERITAGE DAYS

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## Alex Beaton to appear at Gala Buffet Matinee to benefit *The Family Tree*

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If you would like complete information, or if you wish to purchase tickets, contact Udo & Bess Wilms at PO Box 0418, Weaverville, NC 28787-0404. You may email <astronaut@charter.net>.

Any profits will be donated (Hurrah!) to *The Family Tree*. (Hurrah!)

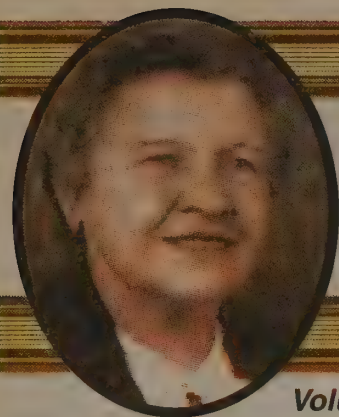
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See *Braveheart Scottish Weekend Registration Form*, page 21 A







# 'THE FAMILY' TREE

News from the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library

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## Viking "Forest Cat" discovers America

Frank Joseph

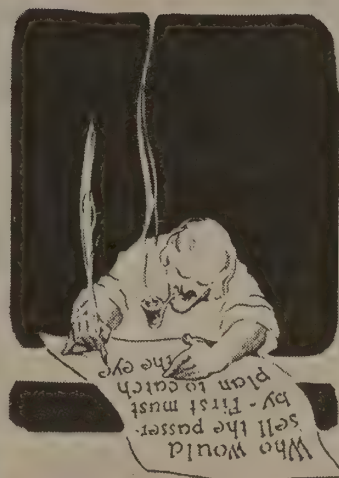
DNA research is not only revolutionizing all otherwise unknown historical information with no less revolutionizing consequences for our understanding of the past. A case in point is the unexpected solution of an old controversy surrounding the Maine Coon Cat. The breed has long perplexed biologists, because they were unable to explain its unique appearance or trace its origins.

The animal derived its modern identity from the state in which it is primarily found, although smaller populations appear in the Atlantic coastal regions of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Somewhat larger than the average house cat, specimens of ten or more pounds are common.

But the beast is best known for its unusual hindquarters, which resemble those of a raccoon; hence, its name. Moreover, its bushy tail, brown and white striped markings, together with an occasional tendency to wash its food, helped to promote its reputation as the result of unions between cats and raccoons.

But such crossings are biologically impossible, because

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## Family Tree Newsletter Contest open

Our 2003 *Family Tree* Newsletter Contest is now open to all newsletters, programs and any publication done by a non-profit group.

The contest is divided into categories according to the entries, but every effort is made to compare "apples to apples" so that a small, but perfectly done publication has as good a chance of winning as a large one. Last year, we had almost 60 categories.

All entrants receive their judges score sheets with com-

*Narra The Wonder Cat, who happens to be half Maine Coon on her father's side of the family (and Siamese on her mother's side)...accepts a treat from her very own Viking...which arrived in Santa's sack!*

ment and suggestions. Prizes include certificates, ribbons, silver Revere bowls and banners.

To enter, just send 2 different issues of your publication to: 2003 *Family Tree* Newsletter Contest, PO Box 2828, Moultrie, GA 31776-2828. Be sure and include the

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## Hurrah! Barbara Nichols, William Hunt, Margaret Tippet...Nan Reichert win big



We have great *Skeleton Hunters* this time!

Barbara A. Nichols, of Greenwood, Mississippi, has won a Competitors Gift Portfolio from D. Bruce Bennett Celtic Art.

William Hunt, Jr. of South Charleston, West Virginia, has won an unmatted and unframed Columba Hotel Flowers color print also from D. Bruce Bennett Celtic Art.

*Scotland Remembers the Alamo* CD by Carl Peterson goes to Margaret Tippet of Flushing, Michigan.

Nan Reichert of San Antonio, Texas has won the Tartan dog collar.

The ten subscriptions to *Reunion Magazine* go to Jane Newton of Forsyth, Georgia; D. Deason of Concord, North Carolina; Carol Willett of Byers Colorado; Kathryn Samuelson of Kent Washington; Roy A. Dray of East Liverpool, Ohio; Dorothy T. Glover of Ravenel, South Carolina; Howard Black of Gray, Maine; Ron Ewing of Bellevue, Kentucky; Martha Geyer of Pelham, Alabama; and Martha Labar of Pompano Beach, Florida.

And the famous and delicious Caledonian Kitchen Haggis goes to Mrs. Ben L. Braswell of Hampton, Virginia.

### Prizes next time!

We have for next time wonderful prizes including a Competitors Gift Portfolio from Bennett Celtic Art, a *Scotland Remembers the Alamo* CD by Carl Peterson, and a tartan dog collar from Bonbright Woolens and a wonderful box of haggis from Caledonian Kitchen.

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### Burke's Peerage & Gentry will remain free for patrons of The Odom Library

*Burke's Peerage & Gentry* has donated a second annual database subscription the Odom Library, with hopes that the visitors continue to enjoy using the resources free.



# It's still Christmas at The Odom Library...thanks to you!



Our book budget is almost nil. Thanks to the stock market, like many of our reader's budgets, The Odom Library's book budget has been zapped. However, thanks to our readers and patrons, our collection continues to grow.

We appreciate Geraldine Dewitt-Edwards of Rancho Cordova, California has donated fourteen books to the collection in Moultrie. The books include: *Emison Families Revised*; *The Emison Families Revised*; *Supplement 1962*; *Final Supplement (1969) to The Emison Families*; *Old Kentucky Entries and Deeds*; *Early Kentucky Tax Records*; *Biennial Report of the Adjutant General of Illinois*; *How to Research a Family with Il-*

*linois Roots*; *John and Alexander dickey*; *Immigrants 1772*; *Museum of Westward Expansion*; *A Photographic Collection*; *French Colonists and Exiles in the United States*; *Guide to Civil War Records*; *Confederate Research Sources*; *Kinship It's All Relative* and *Kentucky Marriages*.

John Goodwin of Winter Park, Florida has gifted the library with *Civil War Records of Jefferson County, Alabama*.

We appreciate the gifts of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Edwards of Thomasville, Georgia who have given *South Carolina Deed Abstracts 1719-1772* and *African-American Life on the Southern Hunting Plantation*.

The late Barbara Johnson of Moultrie donated *The*

*Beginner's Guide to Danish Genealogical Records* to the collection.

Merle Baker of Norman Park, Georgia made a gift of: *A Treasury of Civil War Tales*; *The Dictionary of Genealogy - A Guide to British Ancestry Research*; *Louisiana's Architectural & Archaeological Legacies*; *Historic Mason County, Michigan 1980*; *Pictorial History of East Point, Georgia* and *The History of Sedgwick County, Colorado, Vol. II*.

David M. Graham of Beverly Beach, Florida has donated *Graham Genealogy & Other Families*: Tipton, Fuller, Pennell, Campbell.

Geraldine Dewitt-Edwards of Rancho Cordova, California sent another collection of

books for the library in Moultrie. This time, she sent 28 books for the genealogy library. The books include *Genealogical Research in England and Wales, Vol. III*; *Tracing Your British Ancestors*; *Pre-1841 Censuses and Population Listings in the British Isles*; *Our Ancestors - Scots, Picts and Cymry*; *the Ancient Stones of Scotland*; *the Edwards in Scotland*; *Curious Epistles in Scottish History*; *A History of Scotland*; *Genealogical Atlas of the United States*; *American Genealogical Research at the DAR Washington, DC*; *Where to Write for Vital Records*; *The Archives - A Guide to National Archives Field Branches*; *Ingram Family History from England to America*; *State Census Records*; *Computer Genealogy - A Guide to Research Through High Technology*; *Ancestry's Guide to Research - Case Studies in American Genealogy*; *Barbados Records Baptisms 1637-1800*; *The Octonia Grant*; *Historic Roads of Virginia - Orange County Road Orders 1734-1749*; *Orange County Land Patents*; *Orange County Road Orders 1750-1800*; *Cemeteries*

*of Roane County, Tennessee*; *Roane County, Tennessee Divorces 1807-1900*; *Pocket Note History of Greene County, Tennessee*; *Marriages in Rockingham County, Virginia 1778-1816*; *Greene County, Tennessee Tax Digests 1809-1817*; *St. David's Parish, South Carolina - Minutes of the Vestry 1768-1832*; and *Roster of the Volunteer Officers and Soldiers from Kentucky in the War of 1812-1815*.

If you have books that you have "used up" in your own research...books that are collecting dust on your shelves and crowding out books that you are currently using...we can surely help you with your book problem! Just donate the books to The Odom Library. You know, we are a 501 (c)(3) library - so that anything you donate to us is tax deductible!

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## A Native American Legend...

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Thanks to *The Tazwell County Genealogical and Historical Society Newsletter*, PO Box 312, Pekin, IL 61555-0312.



## African American Family Reunion Conference and Exposition to be held in March 2003

The thirteenth annual African American family reunion conference and exposition will be held in Columbia, Maryland at the Columbia Sheraton, which is just minutes from Baltimore.

For more information about the conference contact Dr. Ione Vargus at 215-204-6244, email at <ivargus@temple.edu>, or check out the web site at <www.pathfinderstravel.com>.

## What is milk sickness?

This was a very strange form of poisoning that came from drinking the milk of an animal that had been eating white snakeroot. This plant varies in toxicity depending on soil conditions.

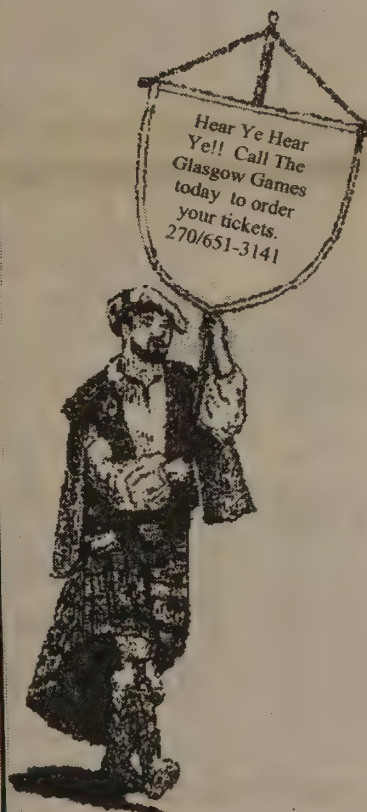
Lactating cows did not become sick from the root, although their calves and humans could die from the milk. In some mid-west towns, one-quarter to one-half of the population may have died from "milk sickness."

Abraham Lincoln's mother died of this toxin. For more information on the subject, read David C. Duffy's "Land of Milk and Poison" in *Natural History*, July 1990, pages 4-8.

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# A letter from your editor...



Beth Gay, DCTJ, FSA Scot, Editor *The Family Tree*



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Dear Friends,

As I write this the day before New Year's Eve, I'm still biting my nails about whether there will be enough money to do the next paper. If you're reading this...everything turned out OK and we were able to make it one more time because of your kindness and your generosity.

I never quite know how to thank you all properly. Please put yourselves in my place...and imagine how it feels when kind and generous folks all over the place make it possible for us to publish *The Family Tree*. It's amazing how wonderful you all are. I am humbled each and every issue.

Our Super Postage Heroes this time include Mr. Frederick N. Pottle of Berrien Springs, Michigan; Howard and Louise Kerr of Moraga, California who made a most kind contribution in memory of Robert & Anna Blair; John McRae of Tallahassee, Florida; Gerald and Sandra Parcher of Canyon Lake, Texas; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Begam of Phoenix, Arizona. Super Postage Heroes also include Betty Nelson of Ashburn, Georgia; Mrs. Marian E. Bradley of Westmoreland, Kansas and Jame and Mary Cox of Roanoke, Virginia. Include in our Super Postage Hero list Ms. Phyllis A. Newton of San Diego, California; Lt. Col. J. M. McGraw of San Antonio, Texas and Dr. Janine Hall of Allen Park, Michigan as well as Ellen Asherman of Yarmouth, Maine.

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We truly thank all of the members of the Clan Montgomery Society, International, (Robert D. Montgomery, Treasurer) of Southfield, Michigan for a most kind contribution!

The Clan MacFarlane Society, Inc., (Charles R. MacFarland, Treasurer) of Adamstown, Maryland sent along a most kind check to help in our work. Thank you all so much!

From Albany, Georgia, we received a lovely check from The Proctor & Gamble Paper Products Company as a thanks for our working at their 2002 Family Day. We appreciate the contribution!

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We were amazed and surprised by a very generous contribution from The Clan Macpherson Charitable Trust. Thank you all!

My travel fund was greatly enhanced by a most kind contribution from a lovely couple who wish to remain anonymous! Thank you!!!

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Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

*Love,  
Beth*



**Congratulations  
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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Beth,

In researching my family tree, I have acquired a number of transcribed wills from State Archives. These wills are dated in the 1700s and 1880s. At the end of the will the writer signs his name to the right followed by an official seal then his or her personal seal.

Were the original wills dribbled with hot sealing wax (sometimes in color) and then stamped with the writers initials, coat of arms or other insignia?

Were these stamps in the form of a finger ring or a metal stamps with wooden handle like we can buy today from office supply companies or stationery stores? Were ribbons attached in the wax?

I have asked professional genealogists and librarians and attorneys and no one seems to know.

Since some say "His" or "Her," I am inclined to think this is a personal seal rather than a seal of the court.

Thanks for you help.

Sincerely,

Alice Roth

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## Thanks for Valentines Marie Henderson

Marie Henderson sent us some lovely Valentine's to use at our Braveheart Scottish Weekend 2003. We decorated Friday night using the Valentine's theme since the event fell on Valentine's Day...and the Valentine's sent by our readers really enhanced the tables!

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If you decide to try any of them, let us know how they turn out.

**Apple Cake:** 2 cups of stewed apples boiled in 2 cups of stewed molasses. Drain off the molasses (for the cake) from the apples, add 2 eggs, 2 teaspoonfuls of soda, 4 cups of flour, 1 cup of butter, 1 cup sour milk; spice to suit. Then add the apple (which was drained as above. The apples should be soaked the night before stewing for the cake.

**Boiled Turkey:** Hen turkeys are preferable for boiling on account of their whiteness and tenderness, and one of moderate size should be selected, as a large one is not suitable for boiling. After having dressed, trussed and stuffed the bird, put it into sufficient boiling water to cover it; let it come to a boil, then carefully remove all the scum. Let it simmer very gently from 1-1/2 to 2 hours, according to size. Serve with melted butter sauce, as with oysters. In the latter case the turkey should be stuffed with oysters.

**Candy:** Take one pint of molasses, one cup of sugar, half a cup of butter. Boil 20 minutes.

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It is important that the whole process be expeditiously managed.

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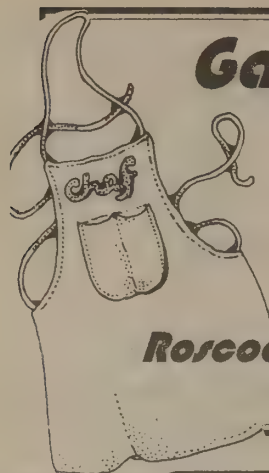
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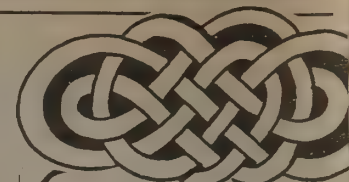
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user.exe,exitwindows>. Note  
that there is a space before the  
word user and a comma before  
exitwindows. Click next. You  
can name the shortcut "Shut  
down fast." Click finish.
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Thanks to PAF, Sept. 2002  
Newsletter.



## Celtic Book Review!

Peggy Baker

Lyn Hamilton: *The Celtic Riddle* (Berkley Prime Crime, \$6.50, ISBN 0-425-17775-0)

Antiquarian Lara McClintoch delights in finding rare artifacts for her Toronto store.

This time, she's accompanying a friend called to Ireland's County Kerry for the reading of a will.

Eamon Byrne's will reports that he has one rare and very valuable treasure, and gives each of his quarrelsome relatives one clue.

He thought they would cease squabbling and work together. Instead they seem to find murder an easier route.

As expected with Hamilton, a strong plot with believable characters, grand settings.

### Do you need help with Morgans (and Duffys, Macduffies and McFees)?

Morgan Publications specializes in gathering information about two famous groups - Morgans and a Celtic Tribal Group call Ui Dhubhthaigh which includes Duffy, MacDuffie, McFee, McPhee and many others including Clan MacFie.

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## Personals! Yes, we have personals!

It's been such fun working with Alastair McIntyre on making our *Family Tree* presence on the Internet the best we can make it!

One need we found is that life simply does not wait for *Family Tree* deadlines.

So often something - sad events such as death, an illness, an accident, an emergency - or happy news like weddings and engagements and births - these things happen "between issues" of the paper. That means it is two months before we can tell everyone and let everyone know of what is happening in your life. Many times, we would have "done something" had we only known in time.

So, we've added a "Personal" category to the Internet edition of *The Family Tree*.

With this addition, we can get the news to our "family" of readers immediately. You will be in time to make a phone call, send a card, send flowers...visit...or just hold someone and their family in your heart and prayers.

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## Clans, families and septs

Genealogy is of huge interest to many and tracing your ancestors is certainly one of the truly great hobbies of today and especially due to the emergence of the Internet and the Web where so much research can now be undertaken from your home.

Personally I have never been that interested in genealogy and far more interested in the race and its people. To me being Scottish or of Scots descent is far more important. It lets you explore your roots in so many ways that pure genealogy doesn't. Recent DNA discoveries now tell us we're all descended from just seven women and so by taking a quick DNA test you can now go back between 10,000 and 60,000 years.

But what shaped us and made us the people we are today? For example you read...

Dr Jackson elsewhere affords us a striking illustration. While passing through the Isle of Skye ("The Isle of Skye has, within the last forty years, furnished for the public service, twenty-one lieutenant-generals and major-generals, forty-five lieutenant-colonels; six hundred majors, captains, lieutenants, and subalterns; ten thousand foot soldiers; one hundred and twenty pipers; four governors of British colonies; one governor-general; one adjutant-general; one chief-baron of England; and one judge of the Supreme Court of Scotland. The generals may be classed thus:—eight Macdonalds, six Macleods, two Macallisters, two Macaskills, one Mackinnon, one Elder, and one Macqueen. The Isle of Skye is forty-five miles long, and about fifteen in mean breadth. Truly the inhabitants are a wonderful people. It may be mentioned that this island is the birth-place of Cuthullin, the celebrated

hero mentioned in *Ossian's Poems*.)

So how did such a small island produce so many outstanding people? And for that matter how does a small country like Scotland produce so many outstanding people that have made huge contributions to the world.

John Napier, the 16<sup>th</sup>-century mathematician, philosopher and inventor who, from his secluded tower in Scotland, produced the vital tool needed by mankind to explore the globe and fathom the universe. Without Napier's invention of logarithms and the decimal notation for complex fractions, the discoveries of others such as Galileo, Kepler and Newton would have been hindered by years of long and complex calculations.

Although the Scots comprise less than one-half of 1 percent of the world's population, 11 percent of all Nobel prizes have been awarded to Scotsmen.

Even today we read... SCOTS emigres to the US are five times more likely to become dollar millionaires than those from any other country, according to a study of wealth. Thomas Stanley and William Danko, in their book *The Millionaire Next Door*, analysed the ethnic backgrounds of the wealthiest members of US society and discovered that while people of Scottish origin make up 1.7% of the population, they comprise 9.3% of its millionaires.

A central theme of Scottish history, has been emigration. Historian George Shepperson has labeled this the Scottish Volkerwanderung. Others have termed it the Scottish diaspora. Scotland's loss, as the National Trust Monument at Culloden currently phrases it, "has been the world's gain."

Sir John Sinclair, compiler of the first *Statistical Account of Scotland* in the 1790s,

stated:- "He [the Highlander] has felt from his early youth all the privations to which he can be exposed in almost any circumstances of war. He has been accustomed to scanty fare, to rude and often wet clothing, to cold and damp houses, to sleep often in the open air or in the most uncomfortable beds, to cross dangerous rivers, to march a number of miles without stopping and with but little nourishment, and to be perpetually exposed to the attacks of a stormy atmosphere. A warrior thus trained suffers no inconvenience from what others would consider to be the greatest possible hardships, and has an evident superiority over the native of a delicious climate, bred to every indulgence of food, dress and habitation and who is unaccustomed to marching and fatigue."

Here is where we get a clue as to why Scots made such great settlers, explorers and warriors.

There is also a romance in our souls as why else would someone write "But listen! Do you hear? Wild and sweet in the distance over the water comes the sound. It is the pipes, and they are playing "Flora Macdonald's Lament." Yonder, down near the shore—you can make them out through the glass—a shooting party has picnicked, and they have brought the piper with them. How the colour deepens on the cheek of the old Highland gentleman here at the sound! He is just returning from many years' residence abroad, and for the last hour, leaning over the deck-rail, he has been feasting his heart upon the sight of the mountains. "There is no music like that music," he exclaims, "over the water and among the hills." To a Highlander, indeed, the sound of the pipes is full of

many memories, like "the sigh of the south wind in the trees" of an autumn night.

The Reverend Malcolm MacDonald, a native of Whitton, Quebec, a descendant of the early Scots settlers and of the first church established in the area, says: "The Book of Books was the library they opened, and the Church of Jesus Christ was the first institution they established and that in their homes, and the Gospel of Christ was the philosophy they espoused."

The most casual observer and historian must admit that these early settlers played a leading part in setting the course in which the Nation

While publishing so many accounts of the Highland Regiments you are struck of course at the sheer courage and fighting ability of the Scots. To me however it is just as amazing to find frequent accounts of the generosity of the Scots to defeated foes. Many accounts are documented of how they helped the women and children in conquered townships and how they conducted themselves so well in the regions they served in with discipline and kindness.

To read the histories brings a lot of this alive for us and makes us wonder at our roots and what it is that made us who we are.

So to those of you that are

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travels today. "I am indeed grateful that we are privileged to stand in the stream of a noble, spiritual, national and cultural tradition, which has flourished in Scotland for centuries, and for some 150 years established firmly on this North American Continent, in both Canada and the United States.

struggling to find the next link in your ancestral family tree I would suggest that you take great heart that you are part of such a wonderful race of people whether you can trace your ancestors to a particular clan or family or not. To be of Scots descent is truly an amazing heritage all of its own.

## HAGGIS I HAVE KNOWN



I don't mind raking fall leaves! It's the bagging that I detest. My pet haggis allows me to shovel the leaves into his mouth. I don't want to know what happens to the leaves later on. (With thanks to our wonderful cartoonist, John Cody!)



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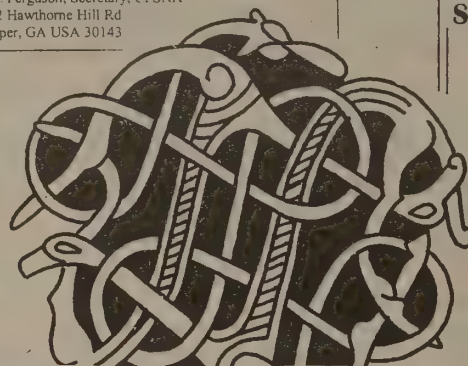
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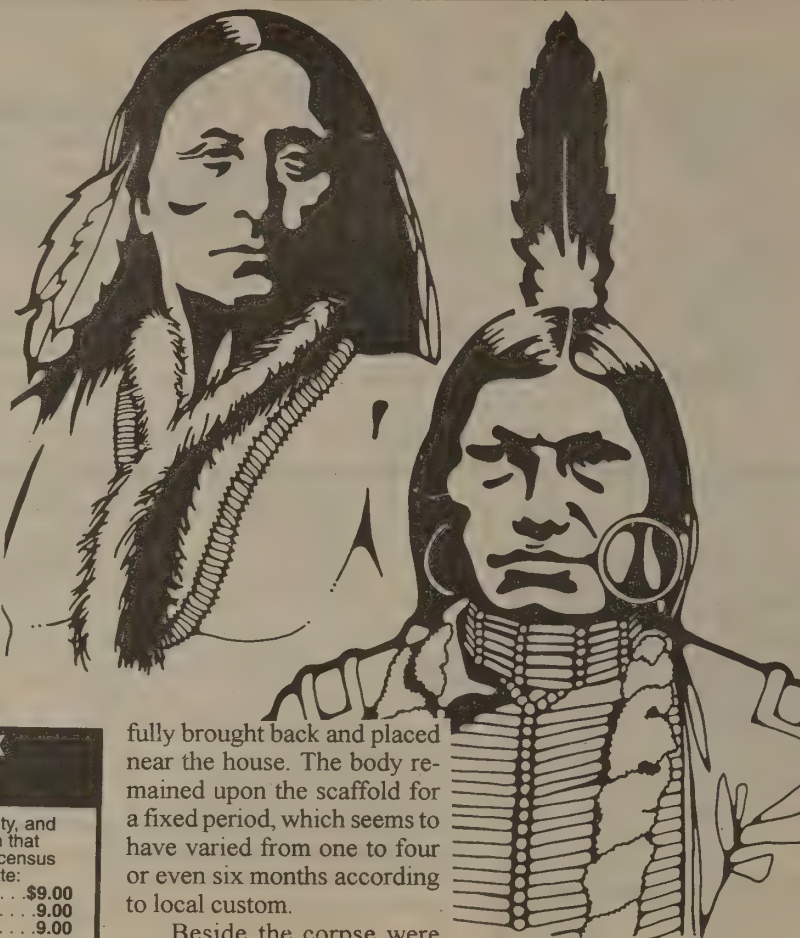
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Friends were invited for the last rites. These mourners surrounded the scaffold, wailing and weeping, while the grisly undertaker ascended the platform, and with his long fingernails thoroughly cleaned the bones of the putrefied flesh.

The bones were then passed down to the waiting relatives, the skull was painted with vermilion, and they were carefully placed in a coffin curiously constructed of such materials as bark and cane. The flesh was left on the platform, which was set on fire; or was carried away and buried. For the first few days a fire was kept constantly burning to furnish light and warmth for the journey.

The hamper of bones was borne with much ceremonial wailing to the village bone house, a rude structure built on poles and surrounded by a palisade. There it was placed in a

row with other coffins, and the mourners returned to the house, where all participated in a feast over which the bone-picker presided (without having washed his hands, as shocked white observers were wont to state).

Among the honored officials of the Choctaws were men, and possibly women, who were known as bone-pickers. These undertakers were tattooed in a distinctive manner, and allowed their fingernails to grow long for their revolting occupation. When the body had remained upon the scaffold the specified time, a bone-picker was summoned, and all the relatives at this time.

When the charnel house became full, the bones were buried; sometimes the earth was placed over it to form a mound, and sometimes the bones of several villages were carried out and placed in one heap and covered with soil. This custom accounts for the burial mound at Nanih Waya and for the many smaller mounds that form such a distinctive feature of the old Choctaw country.

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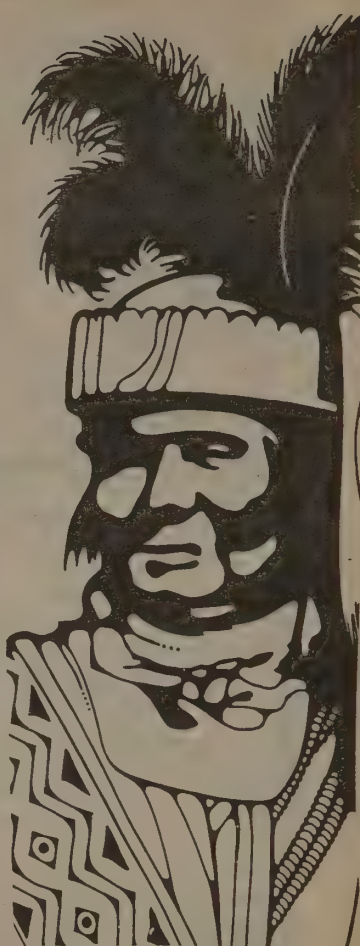
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Public records have been kept officially in Scotland since the late thirteenth century - an important duty for those involved, although standards of "keeping" have varied tremendously, with hungry rodents and damp being constant threats in earlier centuries.

Until the mid-sixteenth century Scotland's records used to be kept in the royal treasury in Edinburgh Castle where a clerk "bred up a cat" to keep the rats at bay. Conditions have improved since, fortunately, with the National Archives of Scotland housed in the decidedly grandiose General Register House opposite the Balmoral Hotel on Princes Street in Edinburgh.

Designed by Robert Adam and opened in 1788, the classically-styled building boasts 3-ft thick walls and a 76-ft high central dome with an elaborate plasterwork ceiling.

Set slightly behind General Register House stands a much smaller but nevertheless striking building. Its nineteenth-century design mirrors that of its older and grander neighbour, having a domed central search room surrounded by high-ceilinged corridors and offices which face outwards, giving a welcome impression of space and light. This is New Register House, built to house the records of civil registration in Scotland, and also home to a rather different and particularly colourful branch of record-keeping: that of The Court of the Lord Lyon, the official body charged with protecting and recording the heraldic tradition in

Scotland.

The offices of The Court of the Lord Lyon, although remarkably small, are anything but ordinary. Tall glass-fronted bookshelves housing collections of heavy tomes line one corridor; cabinets display intricately embroidered tabards worn by previous Lord Lyons; hand-painted crests of past knights of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle\* adorn cabinet tops; and leather bound registers conceal genealogies incorporating coats of arms, hand-painted on thick vellum paper. Hand-painted coats of arms and accompanying descriptions - the work of members of a team of freelance artists and calligraphers who come in on demand - are carefully stored in a plans' chest.

So what exactly goes on at The Court of the Lord Lyon? Robin Blair, 34<sup>th</sup> Lord Lyon, explains that "in the earliest

claimant was honourable and accurate.

The significance of this role was, and still is, reflected in the royal coat of arms worn by the Lord Lyon. This identifies him as 'high sennachie', the officer responsible for identification of the heir to the throne.

The name 'Lyon' was adopted because the royal coat of arms for Scotland principally depicted a lion rampant."

Robin Blair relates that

"the history of the Lord Lyon dates back several centuries. Early historical information is incomplete, but we know that there was a Lord Lyon appointed by King Robert the Bruce in 1318 or thereabouts, and from 1388 onwards there are records of all the subsequent Lord Lyons.

"Heraldry itself dates back far earlier than that, reflecting the custom for knights in armour, when fighting on horseback, to wear a distinctive 'coat' on top of their armour to enable their followers to identify them on the field of battle. That is why we speak of a 'coat of arms', the more popular name for armorial bearings. The custom of wearing such coats of arms was widespread across Europe, notably at the time of the Crusades when armies were making long journeys and the soldiers were unfamiliar with the territory on which they were fighting."

The Lyon Office in the twenty-first century Today, the responsibilities of the Lord Lyon are threefold: one is to exercise what is called the "royal prerogative" in granting coats of arms in Scotland; the second is to operate a judicial function as a court to ensure that arms are used lawfully and to make judicial decisions in relation to the right to arms, titles and dignities; the third is a responsibility for state cer-

emonial such as the opening of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and related service in St Giles' Cathedral.

The Lyon Office in Edinburgh differs from The College of Arms in London in that unlike the English College of Arms, it is in effect a court of law and operates daily as such under an Act of the Scottish Parliament which, in 1672, established a register of arms called The Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland, which is still maintained today.

While the court rarely hears evidence in person, its role is to handle as a judicial process any application made to it for the grant of arms.

That said, from time to time, it does process cases where evidence is heard in front of the Lord Lyon sitting as judge. Prior to the 1672 Act, the Scots already had coats of arms. "Indeed," says Robin Blair, "if you owned land in Scotland, you were expected to have arms. But there was no proper control of the system. It was only in the sixteenth century that legislation was passed giving the Lord Lyon the right to prosecute people who had arms which were not officially approved.

The register was subsequently set up to serve as a complete record of these. "The maximum fine we can levy today for a breach of the legislation is £100," explains the Lord Lyon.

"This is pretty small but what is important is that we can have the arms removed. While I am not sure that we would be entitled to demolish a whole building, we could certainly insist on arms being removed and flags being taken down.

At one time the Lord Lyon had the power to put people in prison - although I am not sure that this power still exists and



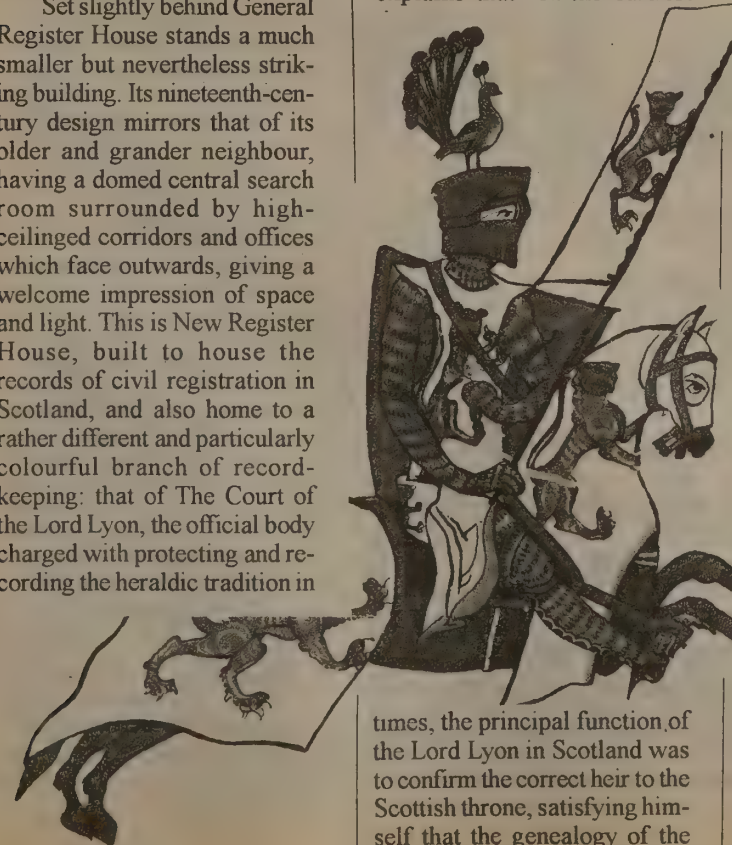
it certainly has not been used for a long time! "The situation is rather different in England. There the Earl Marshall of the College of Arms is entitled to convene the Court of Chivalry to deal with any abuse.

However, this has only met once in the last century, just after the Second World War and, on that occasion, the proceedings were supervised and heard by Lord Goddard, a judge of the High Court in England. The College and the Earl Marshall did not hear the case themselves.

Unlike the Lord Lyon, the Earl Marshall has no legal right to prosecute. Scotland, by comparison, is fortunate to have a system with the power to ensure that arms are used correctly. In countries without this authority, it is far less easy to 'police' heraldic use.

"Illegal use of arms often arises from ignorance of the system: people will put up a coat of arms because they think it looks rather nice, not

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Kansas. Wife, **PHOEBA**, died there 1908, leaving husband, four children and three grandchildren somewhere in KS. **Mary Johnston Nitzberg**, 149 Oak Ridge Dr., Kerrville, TX 78028-7259.

Searching for information for parents and siblings of **TELITHIA FORSYTH** 1835-1888 Baltimore, Maryland, married by Methodist Minister, **GEORGE ROBERTS**, as second wife of **PERRY CONWAY/CONAWAY**. Issue: **ISAAC** born 1857. Will exchange. **MaryEmma Holley Hargrave**, 13701 Annadale Dr., Apt 13D, Seal Beach, CA 90740-5535.

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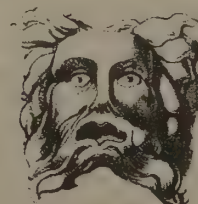
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### The Selkirk Settlers to celebrate 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary

This year marks the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the arrival of the Selkirk Settlers to the community of Belfast on Prince Edward Island. The "Selkirk Settlers" were a group of Scottish colonists brought to Prince Edward Island in 1803 by Thomas Douglas, the 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Selkirk.

These Highland men and women sailed on three ships: the *Polly*, the *Dykes*, and the *Oughton*. The *Polly* arrived on August 7th, the *Dykes* (on which Lord Selkirk traveled) disembarked on August 9th, and the *Oughton* arrived on the 27th. About 400 of the approximate 800 colonists brought by Lord Selkirk settled in the Belfast area. Most of these settlers had been passengers on the ship *Polly*.

From August 7th through August 10th, the Belfast Historical Society, in conjunction with the Caledonain Club, will host the 200th Anniversary and the Annual Highland Games at the Lord Selkirk Provincial Park in Eldon. Over this four day extended weekend, planned activities include: genealogy workshops and lectures, displays and exhibits, concerts, traditional highland athletic competitions, piping competitions, reenactments of the Selkirk Settlers arrival, highland dance competitions, guest speakers, and kilted classic golf tournaments.

For additional information go to <<http://www.islandregister.com/skye/skye2003.html>>, or write to Linda Jean Nicholson MacKenzie, Event Coordinator, Belfast Historical Society, RR1, Belfast, PE C0A 1A0, Canada or call 902-659-2209.

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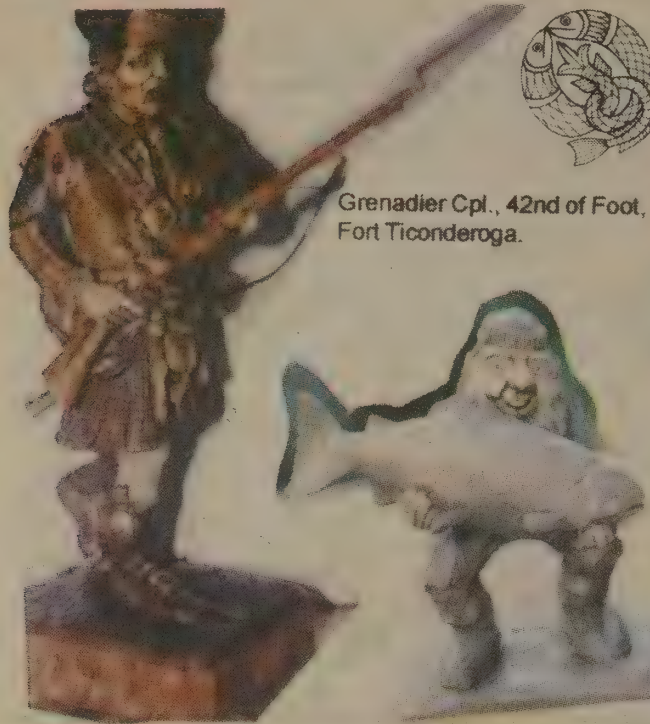
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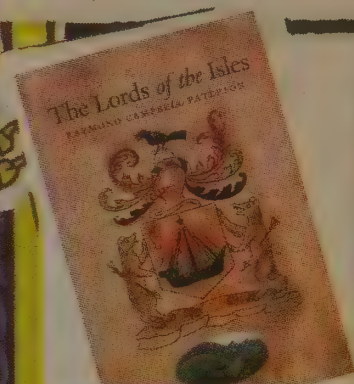
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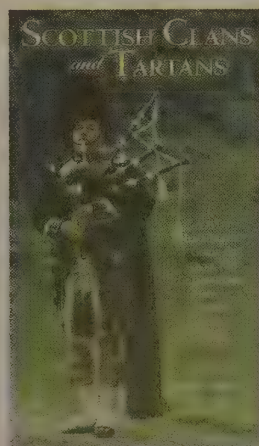
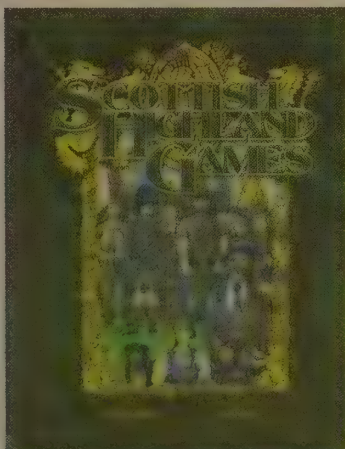
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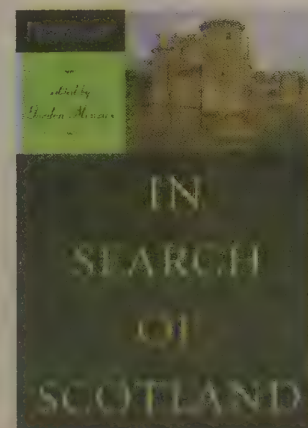


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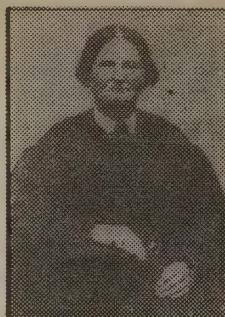
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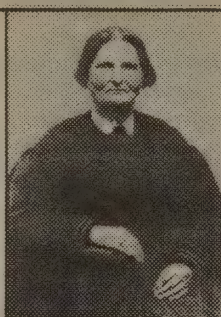
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With his new-found raft, Piran set sail for his homeland of Cornwall. He landed at Perran Beach, to which he gave his name, and built himself a small oratory on Penhale Sands at Perran-Zabuloe (St. Piran-in-the-Sands), where he performed many miracles for the local people.

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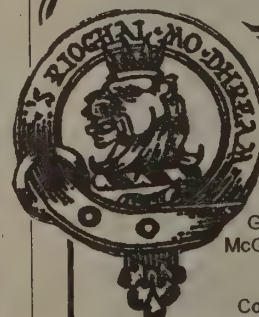
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# Flowers of the Forest

Laura Kilpatrick, Died 3 January 2003, Marietta, Georgia. Viewing 3 - 5 PM, 5 January 2003, White Columns, 1115 Clay Rd., Mableton, Georgia. Please make contributions to St. James Episcopal Church, Marietta, Georgia instead of flowers. Many of Scotland's nobility will mourn the loss of this sweet lady.

She was supportive with family in various Scottish Heritage organizations in Atlanta. Survived by husband, Jim Kilpatrick, sons, James E. Kilpatrick, Jonathan D. Kilpatrick; brother, Jerry Norton; sisters, Frankie McDowell, Mary Berry, and 3 granddaughters.

It is with great sadness that the Blair Society for Genealogical Research learned of the death of **Anne Louise Groome** who passed away 2 October, 2002, in Morristown, New Jersey. She was a life member of the Society during its young, formative years and contributed greatly to Blair research.

Anne Louise Sando was born in Newark, New Jersey on 16 July 1923, the daughter of Francis Blair Sando and Marguerite Fox; she was a descendant of the William Blair and Janet Wallace line of Scotland. She married first, Eugene David McGee and had a son. Eugene died in 1967, and she was married to Preston Groome.

She was the assistant chairperson of the Governor's Drug Council under Governor Florio of New Jersey, and the three preceding governors. She became involved in drug counseling as the result of serving on many grand juries. She was a two-term president and member of the Morristown Women's Club, and was also active in the Morris County Drug Council.

She is survived by her husband, one son, a sister and a brother, as well as one grandchild.

**Dale J.C. Poole, FSA Scot**, passed away on December 24, 2002 at home with his family. He was a committee member of the "Friends of Robert Burns" who hold a once a

year Dinner Dance. He was also a member of Clan MacPherson and many other organizations. A memorial was held on January 11, 2003 at Peachfields Plantation near Mt. Holly, New Jersey.

**Linnie Elizabeth Horn Boyd** departed this life in her 86<sup>th</sup> year on Thursday, August 8, 2002, after a prolonged illness. Born April 30, 1916, in Bakersfield, Missouri, she was the daughter of Francis Marion Horn and Eller Mae Nicks.

In her teens she was elected the Grand Worthy Advisor for the Oklahoma Grand Assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow Girls. She was a graduate of Oklahoma State University, Class of 1938. She was also a life member of Kappa Alpha Theta.

During WWII she was a statistician for Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association at the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

Her husband of 58 years The Reverend William D. Boyd, two sons, one daughter, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren survive her.

**Anne Boyd** of Australia died 1 June 2002 at home after valiantly battling breast cancer for 16 months. Her beloved husband Michael J. Boyd of Australia, Historian for House of Boyd Society, son Andrew Boyd, and daughter Leighanne Boyd survive her.

**Doris Mae Dunn**, born April 7, 1931 in Glen Burnie, Maryland, died Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2002 in Laughlin, Nevada; Doris had been diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer just weeks before her death.

Doris graduated from nursing school in 1953 and began her long career as a registered nurse. In 1961 she joined the US Air Force to learn, travel and serve. She retired a Lt. Colonel in 1981.

During her time in the Air Force she applied for flight school upon completing flight school in 1964 she went to Japan to fly air evacuation missions to Korea, Japan, Okinawa, Taiwan, and the

Philippines.

In 1965 Doris was sent to Viet Nam to evacuate wounded. She actually set up the air evacuation system and was the only female Air Force nurse there. She never lost a single patient.

She then went to the Philippines to work with pygmies. She taught them health and midwifery.

Doris assisted her sister, Terri Boyd, in hosting the Boyd tent at events for many years. They also vended at the games in several states at their booth "Celtic Tinkers."

**Dr. William S. Coker**, age 78, died December 13, 2002 at his home. He was Professor Emeritus from the University of West Florida History Department, retiring in 1992.

Dr. Coker was active for many years in the Florida Historical Society, holding many positions, including president. He was honored with the Dorothy Dodd Lifetime Achievement Award. He published 17 books, mostly on Florida and West Florida history.

**Barbara Lee Jensen Johnson**, born November 15, 1939 in Springbrook, Wisconsin, died in Moultrie, Georgia on December 19, 2002. She was a victim of a year's battle with lung cancer.

She was preceded in death by her parents Harold and Rose Fergusson Jensen and brother, Bradley. She is survived by her husband Ronald Johnson of Moultrie, Georgia and her brother, Larry Jensen of Springbrook, Wisconsin and her devoted dog, Simba.

Other survivors include her children: Brad Conklin, Scott Conklin, both of Orlando, Florida; Diana Wood of Petez, Colorado; Mark Conklin of Meadowlands, Minnesota; Cindi Greske of Hastings, Minnesota; Erik Johnson of Enterprise, Alabama; Kris Johnson of Orlando, Florida; Holly Johnson of Duluth, Minnesota. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews, fourteen grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

She graduated from Spooner High School, Spooner, Wisconsin, in 1958 and was able to attend her 45-year class reunion this year. Prior to moving to Moultrie she worked as a bookkeeper for many years. In Moultrie she served St. John's Episcopal Church as Chairman of the Christmas Bazaar and as church treasurer. She was a loyal and faithful volunteer at *The Family Tree* in Moultrie from the day she moved to Moultrie and as a tireless worker on Scottish Weekend each February.

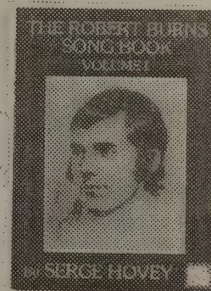
Barb was a talented artist who shared her talents with many. She built and furnished doll houses for St. John's Episcopal Church, Habitat for Humanity and other charitable organizations. Despite her illness, she completed a doll's light house for the 2002 St. John's Christmas Bazaar. She was an avid doll collector who shared her dolls with The Odom Library and Colquitt County Courthouse lobby display. She was an enterprising businesswoman who created her own business niche in the community.

She was a steadfast and true friend who will be forever missed.

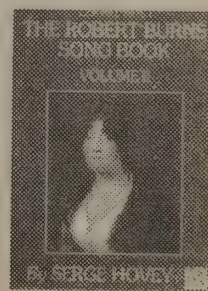
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realising that they haven't got the right to do so. Usually, as soon as this is brought to their attention, they immediately stop. If awareness of the system were more widespread, these sorts of cases would never occur."

A major part of the work of The Lyon Office relates to the handling of applications for arms.

These come either from individuals, companies, clubs or other organisations that want new ones or from people who are claiming descent from someone who has had arms in the past. In the latter case, applicants normally seek either to use the same version or a different version of those arms because of the relationship that they have with the original

holder.

Less frequently, the Lyon Office receives applications from people who wish to register their genealogical details on the Public Register of Genealogies maintained there.

The office also receives myriad queries relating to use of coats of arms and of clan insignia and badges, flags and protocol, traditional Scottish dress and so on.

The volume of queries is challenging for such a small office. Robin Blair hopes in the future to move the register of arms on to an electronic database, which would be a tremendous asset to researchers while easing the pressure on staff.

The availability of such an official website might also help steer researchers away from the burgeoning number of heraldic websites which claim, often falsely, to match coats of arms to family names.

Clan chieftainships are another area of activity for the court. The Lord Lyon explains that a number of clans that are without chiefs - some for hundreds of years - are now keen to find one.

Interestingly, much of the

litigation coming to the Court of the Lord Lyon over recent years relates to clan feuding because more than one person claims descent from an original chieftain. In such cases the Lord Lyon must decide who is the proper person to assume chieftainship.

Many of these cases have been the subject of appeal from the Lyon Court to the civil courts and ultimately to the judicial committee of the House of Lords for a final decision.

In cases of granting of arms, meanwhile, it is the Lord Lyon who makes the final decision. Here he exercises the royal prerogative, which means he speaks on behalf of the Crown; his decision in relation to the form of any particular arms is final and there can be no appeal.

Establishing a coat of arms? So who can use arms and how are the designs determined?

The answer is that anyone wishing to have a Scottish coat of arms must have a connection with Scotland, either through an ancestor or through ownership of property in Scotland.

To prove Scottish links, applicants must submit birth certificates or other such evidence. In more complicated circumstances, many are referred to professional genealogists who will search for information for them.

Applicants then present a petition, requesting that the Lord Lyon grant them arms.

In the case of a first-time application, that is, from someone who has no connection to anyone with arms, the petition is fairly straightforward, simply recording details of the applicant, with reference to imme-

diately forebears, parents or grandparents for example, if such details are to be recorded in the register.

Where there is no link to an existing coat of arms, the Lord Lyon agrees with the applicant what form the arms will take.

The Lord Lyon is permitted to grant arms to any "virtuous and well-deserving person" with Scottish connections and he has the final word on what form the arms should take.

Under the Scottish system, if an applicant's name is Scottish or resembles that of an 'armigerous' person (i.e. a person with arms), the Lord Lyon first looks at the designs granted to people with similar names; this reflects the importance of the clan system of identification with a particular family. Afterwards features personal to the applicant are incorporated in the design.

In all cases the Lyon Clerk drafts the text of what is to be recorded in the register including the description of the arms. Then an artist paints the arms and the text is inscribed by a calligrapher.

Finally, the artist and calligrapher produce a duplicate for the register, a record which is kept for posterity.

"After we have provided the official version of arms," explains Robin Blair, "applicants are perfectly free to make whatever use of this they wish - they can have flags made, glass or signet rings engraved, knives, forks or china decorated - and, of course, they can use any artists they wish to do this."

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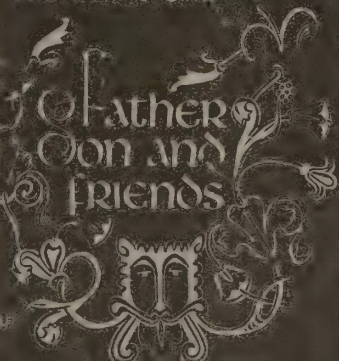
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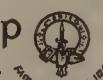
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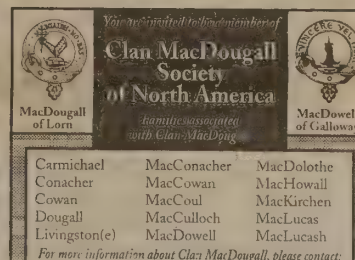


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# Ulster Roots....



## The Ulster-Scot and Other New Publications

Richard K. MacMaster



The Ulster-Scots Agency (aka The Board o Ulster-Scotch) recently published the first issue of a bi-monthly news magazine *The Ulster-Scot* and several leaflets telling the story of the Scotch-Irish in America.

The Ulster-Scots Agency is a government bureau with the assignment to promote the language and culture of the Ulster-Scots at home and abroad. Copies of all their publications are available free of charge on request.

On this side of the Atlantic, the Center for Scotch-Irish Studies published the latest issue of *The Journal of Scotch-Irish Studies* and mailed copies to subscribers in December. These new publications are all signs of increasing interest in the Scotch-Irish heritage.

Front page news in *The Ulster-Scot*, November-December 2002, is an announcement of a musical drama about 18th-century emigration from Ulster to North America that will have its premiere performance at the Odyssey Arena in Belfast next Spring.

After that, there are plans to bring it to major cities in Canada and the United States. "On Eagle's Wing" has a cast of 300 singers, dancers and instrumentalists.

John Anderson, who wrote the script, is quoted as saying: "There are two sides to the story: the Scots who came to Ulster from the 1500s onward and then emigrated again further afield, and the Scots who stayed in Ulster."

Other news stories recount the future of marching bands, new recordings of Ulster traditional music, and Northern Ireland pipe band contests. Feature articles include a fascinating look at one of the "weaver poets," James Orr of Ballycarry, a report on Ulster-Scot musical influences

in America, a profile of James Fenton, a pioneer in the Ulster-Scots revival, and the special flavor of a Burns Supper. There is also news about the Institute of Ulster-Scots Studies at the University of Ulster in Londonderry and the Ulster-Scots Agency.

Editor of *The Ulster-Scot* is Billy Kennedy, veteran Belfast journalist and author of a series of books on the Ulster-Scots in America that have been widely read in Northern Ireland and in this country.

The second issue is scheduled to appear at the end of January 2003 and future issues every two months thereafter. Subscriptions are free.

For more information, write The Ulster-Scots Agency, Franklin House, 10-12 Brunswick Street, Belfast BT2 7GE, Northern Ireland, or e-mail them at [info@ulsterscotsagency.org.uk](mailto:info@ulsterscotsagency.org.uk)

Billy Kennedy is the principal author of a series of handsomely-printed illustrated leaflets about the Scotch-Irish in America. There are eight titles in all, released together in a carrying case. "Voyage to the New World" is centered on how the Ulster-Scots or Scotch-Irish came to America. "Ulster-Scots and Washington's Generals" deals with the Scotch-Irish contribution to winning American independence.

"Ulster-Scots and the Declaration of Independence" is focused on Ulster influences and Ulster-born signers of the Declaration. "Ulster-Scots and United States Presidents" tells about the seventeen American presidents whose ancestors came from Northern Ireland. "Ulster-Scots and the Presbyterian Church" is an exposition of the close ties between the Scotch-Irish and the growth of the Presbyterian Church in America.

On a lighter note, "From Folk to Country" tells how the Scotch-Irish influenced American music. The final leaflet in the packet deals with "The Ulster-Scots Legacy" with brief biographical sketches of several 19th-century Americans of Scotch-Irish background, among them Mark Twain, Cyrus McCormick, and Thomas Mellon.

These leaflets are an easy introduction to the heritage of the Scotch-Irish. (The Ulster-Scots Agency also has a leaflet on how to plan a Burns Night that might be helpful in planning for next January.)

They are all available free from the Ulster-Scots Agency at the above addresses.

The Winter 2002 issue of *The Journal of Scotch-Irish Studies* has a variety of scholarly articles on Scotch-Irish topics, including history, identity, travel, and genealogy. Five articles deal with aspects of American history. The effort of Indian traders George Galphin and John Rea to attract settlers from Ulster to the 18th-century South Carolina and Georgia backcountry is explored by Professor Michael P. Morris of the University of South Carolina. Professor Carole Watterson Troxler of Elon University traces the Scotch-Irish in the Southern backcountry who took the side of the King in the American Revolution, particularly South Carolina Loyalists who moved to Nova Scotia after the war.

The Rev. David Caldwell and his work as minister and community leader in Guilford County, North Carolina, before and after the Revolution provided Dr. Robert McCluer Calhoon of the University of North Carolina with a cogent example of "The Scotch-Irish and Political Moderation." Dr. John Buchanan wrote about a less-moderate figure in "An-

drew Jackson, the Scotch-Irish, and the Conquest of the Old Southwest."

Genealogist Zona Gale Forbes traced the survivors of the wreck of the emigrant ship Faithful Steward on the Delaware coast in 1785.

Dr. Brian Lambkin, director of the Center for Migration Studies in Northern Ireland, used the visit that Judge Thomas Mellon (1813-1908) made to his birthplace near Omagh, County Tyrone, in 1882 as a way to document one prominent "returned Yank's" understanding of his Ulster heritage. Two scholars from Boise State University, Gary McCain and Nina M. Ray, looked at ordinary people like us revisiting the places where our ancestors lived in their study of "The Search for Personal Meaning in Legacy Travel to Ulster."

Michael D. Roe and Sybil Dunlap of Seattle Pacific University studied "Contemporary Scotch-Irish Identities and Attitudes toward The Troubles in Northern Ireland"

and Harold R. Alexander of the Center for Scotch-Irish Studies analysed the meaning of a Scotch-Irish identity to contemporary Americans. He also contributed a research note on the vexing question of how many Scotch-Irish folk could be found in early America and how many are here now. There are also reviews of several recent books about the Scotch-Irish.

The Center for Scotch-Irish Studies cannot offer copies of its *Journal of Scotch-Irish Studies* free, but some researchers and librarians may think it well worth the modest price.

The subscription price for individuals is \$22 and for libraries \$15, plus \$3 for postage to addresses in the United States, \$5 to Canadian addresses, and \$7.50 for copies mailed overseas.

Contact the Center for Scotch-Irish Studies, P.O. Box 71, Glenolden PA 19036-0071 or by e-mail at [cntrsis@aol.com](mailto:cntrsis@aol.com)

### Could you help with an important database?

A new important database has been started with the co-operation of volunteers and Yad Vashem, the major Holocaust research institution Jerusalem. Volunteers work from deportation records found in Slovakia: Zilina, Novaky, Vyhne and Sered are being indexed

Sponsored by JewishGen and the Hungarian Special Interest Group (SIG), volunteers receive typewritten pages to input. There are many other

valuable lists representing nearly all of the towns which belonged to the Slovak state between 1939-1945.

By making this database available, individuals who were previously thought of as lost in the Holocaust might be located.

For more information on the project or to participate contact Tom Venetianer, email [tom.vene@uol.com.br](mailto:tom.vene@uol.com.br).

Thanks to *Roots-Key* fall 2001 issue.



**The Lord Lyon King of Arms, Continued from page 18 B**

individual and belongs uniquely to that person, being passed down from that person to the eldest son, and then to that eldest son's eldest son and so on down the male line.

In such cases, the arms usually remain unchanged. While the father still lives, an eldest son can use the father's arms with what is called a "label": a small three-pointed sign which goes over the top part of the shield to indicate that he is an heir apparent. The younger sons can use another "label".

A system of different coloured and shaped borders also distinguishes one member of the family from another. A limited number of colours is used heraldically. Among the principal colours, called tinctures, the principal ones are "gules" for red, "vert" for green, "azure" blue, and "sable" black.

Less frequently used are things like "purpure" for purple, "murrey" for mulberry and one or two others. Finally there are the metals, gold and silver, called "or" and "argent", and occasionally furs like ermine. There is no restriction on the colours chosen for particular items and, of course, the shades of individual things themselves can vary quite considerably. The combination of shapes and colours used in the design is important but the individual features can be depicted in various ways - a lion's head, for example, can be painted in many different ways, that is up to the artist.

Looking through the registers of arms, it is clear that since 1800 there has been a huge variation in artistic taste and styles. Scottish heraldry has been rather appropriately described as "historical shorthand", heraldic decoration providing uniquely colourful and evocative clues to the past, whether through crests adorning buildings, insignia on flags and banners, badges on uniforms or inscriptions on rings or cutlery. The increasing interest in it reflects a strong loyalty to Scotland and a widespread desire to establish or maintain links with particular families or communities.

This, coupled with a widespread appreciation of Scotland's heritage and pageantry, means that today the historic Court of the Lord Lyon

is as busy as it has ever been, protecting and promoting the country's rich heraldic tradition.

Contact address: The Court of the Lord Lyon, H.M. New Register House, Edinburgh EH1 3YT. Tel: +00 44 (0)31 556 7255.

Useful books on Scottish Heraldry: *Scottish Heraldry: An Invitation*, by M D Dennis. *The Heraldry Society of Scotland*, Dunfermline, 1999. ISBN 0 9525258 2 8. Available generally in Scotland and from: Mrs Elizabeth Sharp, *The Heraldry Society of Scotland*, 44 Seaview Terrace, Edinburgh EH15 2HE (£2.50 plus postage). *Scotland's Heraldic Heritage: The Lion Rejoicing*, by C J Burnett, the Ross Herald, and M D Dennis. The Stationery Office, Edinburgh, 1997, ISBN 0 11 495784 3. Available generally in Scotland and from: James Thin Ltd, 53-59 South Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1YS (£9.99 plus postage).

\*The Thistle Chapel in St Giles' Cathedral was built for Scotland's order of chivalry, the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle. Each knight's stall is crowned with the crest from his coat of arms.



### Do you have Scottish samplers for sale? Old? New?

I am looking for Scottish samplers that are for sale. I have a tiny collection of antique samplers. As the prices rose, I began to stitch reproductions of samplers. It is hard to go a day without taking needle in hand.

My father's name was John Logan Scott, his father was James Sydney Scott and my name is Jacqueline Christie Scott Warwick. Christie and Hollingsworth on Mother's side; Scott, Brady, McClintock, Logan on Daddy's.

The samplers I make are a way for me to leave something of me for our children and 5 grandchildren.

If anyone has Scottish samplers for sale, please contact me. I am Jackie Warwick, 2004 Balmoral Place, Wilmington, NC 28405.

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Think of it this way. The generation starts with your maternal grandparents. Your mother and her cousin are one generation younger than their parents (your grandparents). You are one generation younger than your parents and two generations younger than your grandparents (your mother's parents).

This one generation difference means that you are one (once) generation (removed). Add another generation to this and you have "twice removed." Thinking back to the grandparents, you are two generations removed from their cousins. Your grandmother's first cousin is your first cousin "twice removed."

Thanks to Tyrrell Tides via The Carolinas Genealogical Society Bulletin, PO Box 397, Monroe, NC 28111.



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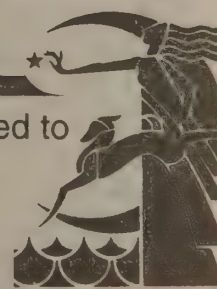
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## Did you know? 20 Cool Facts.

Eleanor Brenner in the Palm Beach Thistle Newsletter, PO Box 15722, West Palm Beach, FL 33416

1. In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. That's where the phrase, "goodnight, sleep tight" came from.

2. The sentence, "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog," uses every letter in the alphabet and was developed by Western Union to test telex/twx communications.

3. The only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is *uncopyrightable*.

4. When opossums are playing 'possum, they are not "playing". They actually pass out in terror.

5. The Main Library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year because when it was built, engineers failed to

take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building.

6. The term "the whole 9 years" came from WWII fighter pilots in the Pacific. When arming their airplanes on the ground, the .50 caliber machine gun ammo belts measured exactly 27 feet, before being loaded into the fuselage. If the pilots fired all their ammo at a target, it got "the whole 9 yards".

7. The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.

8. The name Jeep came from the abbreviation used in the army for the General Purpose vehicle, GP.

9. Ten percent of the Russian government's income comes from the sale of vodka.

10. On average, 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens every year.

11. In Cleveland, Ohio, it's illegal to catch mice without a hunting license.

12. It takes 3,000 cows to supply the NFL with enough leather for a year's supply of footballs. (And you thought they were pigskins!)

13. Thirty-five percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.

14. There's an average of 178 sesame seeds on McDonald's Big Mac bun.

15. The world's termites outweigh the world's human's 10 to 1.

16. The 3 most valuable brand names on earth: Marlboro, Coca-Cola, and Budweiser, in that order.

17. In 10 minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than all the world's nuclear weapons combined.

18. It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-

law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer, and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the "honey month" or what we know today as the "honeymoon".

19. In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them to mind their own pints and quarts and settle down. It's where we get the phrase "Mind your P's and Q's".

20. Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim or handle of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used to whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

Thanks to the Palm Beach Thistle Newsletter.

## Here are some interesting facts that you might not know

"Stepmothers" were sometimes called mother-in-laws in the Colonial times.

"Housekeeper" once meant property owner.

"Infant" once meant any person under 21.

"Domestic" once meant housewife.

"Mister" in the early days was applied only to men of wealth or education.

"Tithings" once meant towns.

In 1619, 100 children from London slums were sent as apprentice workers to Virginia, and that many of these grew to become founders of plantations, businesses, universities and libraries.



## Poisonous tomatoes? Lampblack for eyebrows?

Tomatoes were introduced from South America to Europe some time in the 1500s. Southern Europeans called it the love apple, and considered it an aphrodisiac. The English, and through them, the American colonists, believed that the tomato was poisonous and grew it only as a curiosity. It was not until about 1820 that it was shown that tomatoes were not poisonous and it took several decades before they were widely accepted as food.

Cosmetics were commonly worn and a white skin tone was very desirable in the 1700s by women of fashion. Flour, white lead, orrisroot and cornstarch were common bases to produce the esthetic of a pure white face.

The best cosmetics were in a fairly greasy base and stayed in place. Over this base a true red rouge was used to highlight cheekbones.

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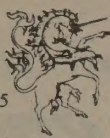
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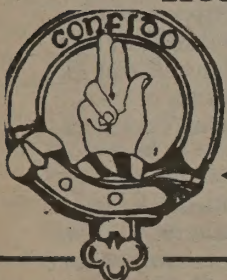
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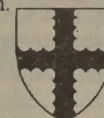
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"In the Scottish Lowlands and borders there were many important families. The Cockburn's were one such family. It is almost certain that they took their name from Cok Burn, a stream, in a area called the Merse which is in the county of Berwickshire.

There are two theories as to their origin: One is that they arrived with the Saxons as hereditary priest or standard bearer of Irmin, war god of the Saxons. Irmin's symbol was a cockerel, which was later used by the Cockburns in their crest. However there is no evidence to prove this theory so it is quite possibly myth. The second and more likely story is that they came with the Normans and were given lands in Scotland.

Early Cockburns had Norman characteristics of dark hair and brown eyes. One of the first Cockburns on record was Piers de Cockburn,

which also would suggest Norman ancestry. Piers de Cockburn was named in a charter in 1230. Additionally the Ragmans Roll, in which Scottish gentry swore fealty to King Edward I of England at Berwick in 1296, contained the names of both Piers and Thomas Cockburn.

The first Cockburn we can be certain of is Alexander Cockburn whose date of birth is unknown. In 1330 he married Mariota de Veteri Ponte or Vipont a Norman heiress." (Her father was one of the three Scottish earls killed at Bannockburn in 1314). "They settled at Langton, near Duns in Berwickshire. Alexander is know as the father of all modern day Cockburn branches. Much later in 1527 his descendant brought the lands at Cockburn Law, near Duns,

Berwickshire from the Earl of Crawford and started the branch Cockburn of that ilk who became Lairds of Duns."

If there are any Cockburns who would like to have more information on this name you may contact Russell by mail at Russell Cockburn, 31 Ellen Street, Whitburn, West Lothian, EH47 0HJ, Scotland. Tel: 01501 749921 or at his email address, randyruss@heartsfans.com.

There are several areas, societies, etc. in Scotland, bearing the Cockburn name. There is the Cockburn Association which was founded in 1875 in Edinburgh. Its mission is the preservation of buildings and environment in Edinburgh. There is Cockburn Mill in Berwickshire.

The Cockburn tartan is royal blue and black with white, yellow and red stripes. There is a Cockburn Clan Association web site on the internet. It is on this site that the possibility of the name being derived from the English name Colbrand is mentioned. Napoleon was escorted to St. Helena by Sir George Cockburn.

The county/area of Berwickshire is in the south-eastern most corner of Scotland. It is bordered by England (It was in fact part of England until it was made part of Scotland by King Malcolm II in 1018. Its original county seat, Berwick-on-Tweed remains in England), East and Mid Lothian, Roxburghshire, and the North Sea. The North Sea border is rock and unapproachable for the most part, but the land itself is mostly fertile and supports a large variety of agriculture such as turnips, barley, wheat, sheep, and cattle.

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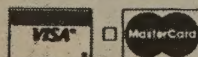
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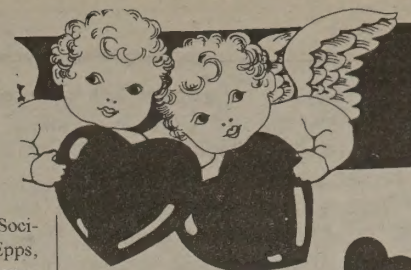
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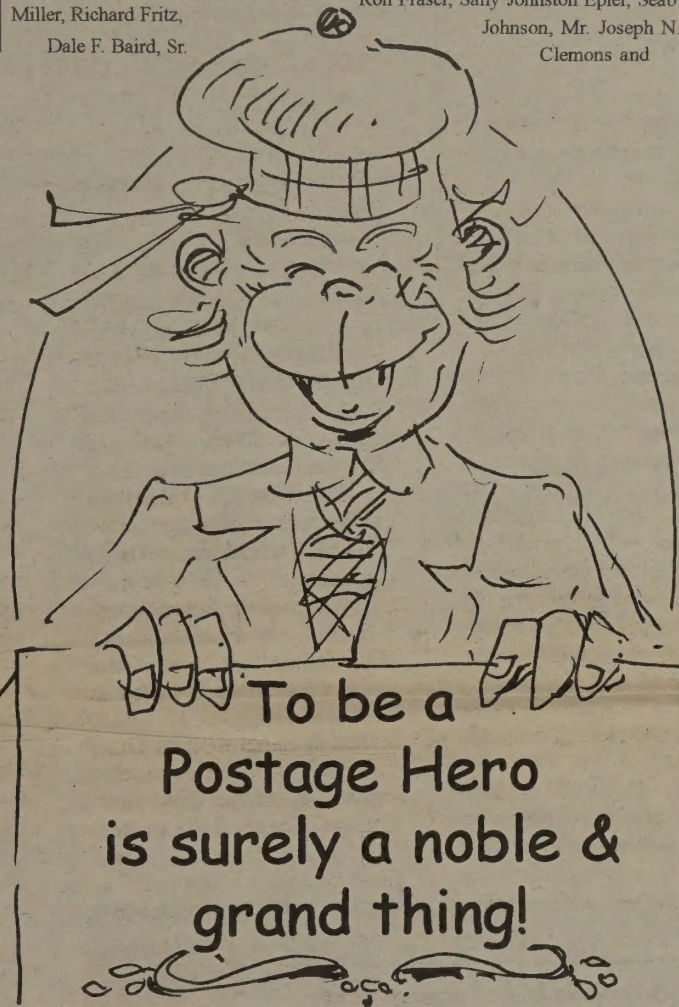
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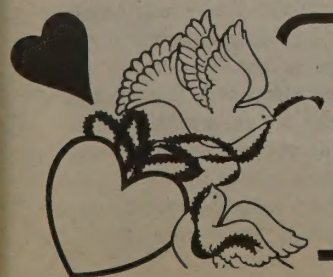
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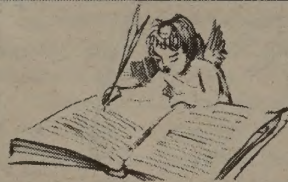
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### Viking Forest Cat, Continued from page 1 B

raccoons are not felines, but canines related to members of the dog family. In an attempt to trace the genetic origins of the singular Maine Coon Cat, scientists subjected it to DNA testing last year for the first time. The results were clear as they were surprising. The Maine Coon is the direct descendant of an unknown domestic breed that went extinct with the last few centuries and the *skaugkatt*, or "Norwegian Forest Cat," brought to our continent from Scandinavia a thousand years ago.

As the web site for the Cat Fanciers' Association explains, "These are the cats that explored the world with the Vikings, protecting the grain stores on land and sea, and are believed to have left their progeny on the shores of North America, as a legacy to the future. Is their Norse name accurate? Yes, the *skaugkatt*, meaning 'forest cat,' really did come out of the Scandinavian forests in the 4,000 years." Because the large animals are determined hunters, they were invariably taken aboard Viking

expeditions to keep the longships free of vermin.

When the Medieval Scandinavians landed along North American coasts, some of the "wegies," as the were commonly nicknamed in Britain and the United States, jumped overboard, and mated with that unknown domestic breed which no longer exists. The living descendants of those early days in Viking America are today's Maine Coon cats.

Their majority presence in the state which gave them their name suggests that the Norse did more than briefly establish a settlement at L'Ans aux Meadows, as mainstream scholars insist, but went on to colonize other parts of the Eastern Seaboard. Concentration of the Maine Coon's population in that state implies that the Vikings' elusive Vinland was in Maine after all.

The Maine Coon's descent from Norway's Forest Cat is unmistakable. The *skaugkatt* is somewhat larger; its fur texture is not quite as silky; the head shape is slightly different; tufts, not seen on its American counterpart, sprout from the tips of its ears, and, most noticeably, its hind quarters are straighter. But physical and behavioral comparisons leave no doubt that it is the ancestor of the Maine Coon Cat, as confirmed by DNA research.

In a happy coincidence, the *skaugkatt* was designated Norway's official cat by King Olaf late in the last century, about the same time the Maine Coon Cat was named the official cat of the Pine Tree State. Connections between the two are valid evidence for Vikings in American Centuries before Columbus.

Anyone who wants to meet a direct descendant of the first Norwegian visitors to our continent need only make the acquaintance of a Maine Coon Cat.

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